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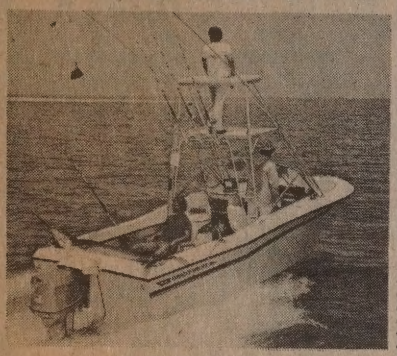

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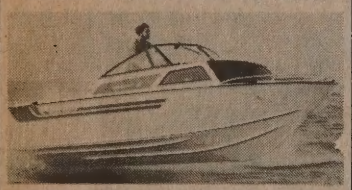

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VETS FISH ELDRED

Eleven disabled war veterans from the Castle Point Veterans Hospital at Castle Point, N.Y., near Beacon, were guests of the Monroe, N.Y. American Legion Post #488 at the fishing ponds at Eldred Preserve, N.Y. on Sunday, October 4.

They were fishing from their wheel chairs from the banks of the stocked trout ponds and landed a large number of trout at Eldred, which is between Barryville and White Lake in the Catskills.

Members of the Legion Post helped bait hooks and net fish for some of the disabled and will have a fish fry for the anglers at the Legion Post on a date to be announced. A picnic lunch was served near the ponds by Mrs. Barbara Moffett, Mrs. Kay Sanders and Mrs. Edna Tufts, members of the Monroe Post's Ladies Auxiliary. Richard Meyers and Robert Moffett were Legionaires supervising the activity. The Monroe Post also entertained other veterans from the VA facility at an earlier fishing outing at Eldred in May of this year.

Among veterans fishing was Saverino Picarello, a Brooklyn native, who was an assistant basketball and baseball coach at Long Island University in the days of Dolly King, Ozzie Schectman and others during the late 30s. He also helped coach Marius Russo in that era, and Russo went on to pitch for the New York Yankees.

BRONX RAMS ROD & REEL CLUB

The Bronx Rams Rod & Reel Club's City Island blackfishing trip held on October 4, 1981 was a pleasant, successful day. Nineteen club members and 4 guests, with some rookie fishermen with no blackfishing experience were in attendance. Howie Walter caught his first blackfish weighing 6 lbs, and won the boat pool. Joe Gallo was a runner-up with a 4 lb. black. The captain and crew of the Miss City Island charter boat were very helpful to the club members.

GATEWAY RETURNS FROM NANTUCKET

The Gateway Striper Club recently returned from its annual trip to Nantucket and reports that fishing for the period Sept. 26-Oct. 2 was a bit picky. Despite this, the Club had some good innings with the blues and albacore, with a few weakfish and bass thrown in for good measure. Bill Silletti took a 36 lb. bass from the Great Point rip, while Dave Williams and Jack Mendler nailed weakfish of 10½ and 9½ lbs., respectively. Ed Wolfe led the bluefish category with a 15½ lber taken at the Galls. Vinny Slikas followed up with a blue of 13½ lb. The biggest blue, however, was taken on the last day of the trip by Ron Amigues of the Farragut Club who was travelling with the group from Gateway. Ron bagged a 17 lb. blue from the Galls using a Hopkins tin. Nice goin', Ron.

Gateway would also like to thank mr. Nick Karas of Newsday for attending the meeting on October 8th. His talk was very informative and entertaining. His taking time out from a very hectic schedule to vist the club was appreciated.

ANNUAL DEER CONTEST

Leslie Edelman's Guns is again running their annual Deer Contest. First prize is $1500 cash; 2nd prize - $1,000 cash. Third prize is free mounting, tanning and butchering. Fourth prize is a free head mount; 5th and 6th prizes are free butchering. Mounts, tanning and butchering will be by Fish Unlimited Taxidermy, also official weighmaster. Any deer legall shot in New York, New Jersey or Pennsylvania. Stop in at Edelman's for free registration form. No purchase necessary. Store is at 75 Sherwood Ave., Farmingdale, just off Rt. 110.

MERRICK ROD & GUN CLUB

The Merrick Rod & Gun Club held its annual Blackfish trip on October 11, sailing the Blue Albatross out of Greenport. Ten members and guests attended. It was a "bruising" trip what with blacks and blues being caught. Paul KiBley and John Konior shared high hook honors, with Bill Luther taking the pool with a 5 lb. blackfish. The moon was full, with Richy Kimbley and Ron Grinski proving the point!

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN FUNDS STONY BROOK STUDENT'S RESEARCH

Through a donation made by the Montauk Marine Basin, the second annual Montauk Marine Basin Scholarship was awarded to a student at the Marine Sciences Research Center (MSRC) at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mr. Stephen Shawn McCafferty was selected by Montauk Marine Basin President Carl Darenberg, Jr. and a committee of MSRC faculty as the recipient of a $1,000 award to foster research on a problem affecting Long Island's coastal waters. Mr. McCafferty's proposal was chosen because of its potential for yielding scientific and/or societal benefits to Long Island.

Mr. McCafferty's research is designed to differentiate non-interbreeding populations of yellowtail flounder through a method of biochemical genetics called electrophoresis. Yellowtail flounder are an important late winter/early spring fishery for Long Island's commercial trawl industry. If successful, McCafferty said, his results "will be an

important addition to the overall knowledge of the species.'' Such knowledge is necessary, he continued, if management efforts are to be successful in providing the equitable utilization of this resource.

RIVER SNAGS IMPORTANT

In most of our endeavors ''running into a snag'' is bad news. In fishing, just the opposite is true.

Downed trees, stumps, brush and other debris found in streams play an important role in water ecology by providing cover for many different types of aquatic animals. Included are fish, turtles, insects, snails and mussels, to name a few. Their numbers increase wherever such structure exists in water. Information reaching Mercury Outboards' angling department shows that where sport fishing is concerned, the presence or absence of snags determines the species of fish available, plus their numbers and size.

Biologists research a Midwest stream with both snagless and snag-filled stretches of water determined that the poundage of fish per mile of snagless was was 25% less than where cover was available. Even more dramatic was the reduced weight of catchable-size fish. Where snags existed it was 630 lbs. per mile, while less than 315 lbs. were found in snagless water. That's more than 50% fewer pounds of desirable fish where cover is absent.

In addition, the type of fish living in the different kinds of water changed. Carp accounted for 59% of the fish found where no snags existed and only 20% in the snag area, while channel catfish—a more desirable species—jumped from only 13% in snagless water to 22% where there was cover.

Next time you hang a hook on an underwater snag, instead of cursing your luck, be thankful that these homes for fish exist.

DEC HOLDING BASS MANAGEMENT HEARINGS

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will be holding informational meetings on striped bass management proposals for New York State.

A list of proposals will be discussed and input from the public encouraged.

The meetings will be held as follows:

October 27, 1981—Holiday Inn, Riverhead, N.Y., 7PM in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

December 9, 1981—Hempstead American Legion Hall, Hempstead, NY, 8:15 p.m. December Meeting of the Nassau County Fish and Game Association.

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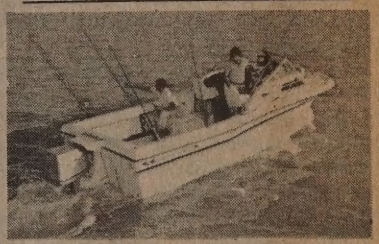
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CASEY RECIPIENT OF A.L.S. MACMILLAN AWARD

by Al Ristori

Casey Awarded ALS MacMillan Prize

Jack Casey, world-renowned shark expert and director of the NMFS shark program operating out of Narragansett, Rhode Island, has been awarded the first American Littoral Society (ALS) MacMillan Prize for outstanding contributions to the art and science of fishing. The presentation was made during the 20th anniversary celebration of both the Littoral Society and the Sandy Hook Laboratory of the National Marine Fisheries Service at Sandy Hook, New Jersey on October 2.

The MacMillan Prize was established by New York businessman Jack Rudin in honor of Graham MacMillan, a founder of ALS and the director of its unique tagging program for many years. Unlike other tagging programs that are directed toward specific species, the ALS sponsors a free lance system in which the anglers buys the tags and tags whatever he wishes. When returns come in, the angler is notified and gets a patch, while the information is stored for use by scientists. Since the program was started in 1965, some 75,000 fish have been tagged and nearly 7,000 returns have come in. Graham is himself an enthusiastic fisherman who specializes in tagging and releasing sharks in Delaware Bay.

The recipient of the MacMillan Prize should be well known to readers of this column. Jack Casey is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and started his work on sharks while at the Sandy Hook Lab in 1962. In those early days of sport fishing for sharks, Casey not only tagged sharks in the New York Bight area, but also at Montauk where he fished with one of the legends of the sport—John Walton. Many huge sharks came aboard the "Chief Joseph Brant" including a great white of over 1000 lbs. Jack hooked that fish, but didn't realize how big it was and handed the rod to his father—thus disqualifying the catch.

Since then Jack has established the shark program at Narragansett and kept it going despite financial cutbacks that long preceded this Administration. Operating on the proverbial shoestring, Casey and his assistants have kept the program going—largely by enlisting the cooperation of sportsmen, and even some longliners. You'll frequently see Jack and his crew at shark tournaments, where they gather all sorts of biological information from the sharks brought in and encourage the tagging of most sharks. His work has changed the nature of the sport from the "killer" mentality of the 50s and early 60s to a true angling experience. Due to Casey's efforts, fishermen today realize that sharks are very vulnerable to overfishing and also fill an important niche in the ocean's ecosystem. Instead of wanton slaughter, the modern shark fisherman retains only the best eating of sharks and those wanted for trophies, while tagging the great majority of his catch to further scientific knowledge of these mysterious fish.

Because of Casey's perseverance in pushing his program and encouraging a tremendous amount of volunteer effort, we now know a great deal more about some oceanic sharks than we do about many important coastal species. Recently I was talking to an individual who has been very close to the NMFS operation for the past two decades. In the course of our conversation he singled out Jack Casey's shark program as an example of what is best about that agency, which, he felt, otherwise had a pretty poor track record. In contrast to the bloated bureaucracy in Washington, he observed how Casey was able to run his program on a pittance, operating on an almost non-existent travel budget. Nevertheless, he still manages to cover the important shark tournaments with his loyal crew, even if some graduate students have to sleep on surfboards!

Jack Casey exemplifies all that is positive in the Federal Government and no better individual could have been chosen by the American Littoral Society for its first MacMillan Prize!

Dumping Demonstration Project Gets Okay

Despite the protestations of many New York City/Northern New Jersey citizens and politicians, the Corps of Engineers is apparently going to go through with the dumping demonstration project in the borrow pits off Staten Island. Furthermore, according to Staten Island Natural Resources Protection Association President Lou Figurelli, one of the projects will use contaminated fill from Arthur Kill. Figurelli and others were invited to a meeting arranged by the Corps in New York on October 7, but arrived to find that the decision had already been made. At the time this was being written, Figurelli was talking lawsuit, and anyone aware of Lou's track record with lawsuits knows that this issue hasn't been settled yet! More about this in future columns.

Japanese Doing Well With Tuna

According to the September issue of the NMFS "Southeast Observer News," 32 Japanese longliners fished in our Atlantic Fishery Conservation Zone from 90 miles east of Cape May, northeast along the 1,000 fathom curve to 90 miles south of Martha's Vineyard during August. Fishing was good, with tuna accounting for 44% of the total fish catch. Of these, bigeyes dominated with 66%, while albacore made up 26%. There were no bluefins, as that species is inshore during the summer. However, the Japanese will catch mediums in offshore waters in November and December—before getting into the giant bluefins during the winter in the Gulf of Mexico. Billfish made up 6% of the total catch during August, with swordfish constituting 70% of the billfish hooked. Mortality on released billfish remained very high at almost 65%, and even shark mortality was higher than normal at close to 20%.

The news letter also noted that Raven Systems, the contractor recently hired to provide 100% observer coverage of the Japanese longline fleet, deployed 15 observers in August. Additional personnel were also being trained at the time.

Goldman and Savage Re-Appointed to Mid-Atlantic Council

Recently I provided the bad news about Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council appointments—the selection of commercial fishermen to fill both New York seats. However, there was some good news coming out of the appointment process. Both Elliot Goldman of Pennsylvania and Ricks Savage of Maryland were re-appointed to their Appointed Obli-

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FALL FLOUNDERS & BLACKS

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A FROST IN THE AIR AND THE WATER IS COLDER, SO TOO HAVE THE FLOUNDERS AND BLACKFISH - AND THEY ARE BACK IN THE COOLED OFF BAYS FROM THEIR OFFSHORE UNHEATED OCEAN SUMMER HOMES.

FALL FLOUNDERS WILL LIKELY BE IN THE SAME SPOTS YOU CAUGHT THEM LAST SPRING USING THE SAME TECHNIQUES SUCH AS STIRRING UP THE BOTTOM AND CHUMMING WITH CLAMSHELLS, RICE OR CANNED KERNEL CORN.

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GREEN CRAB

FIDDLER CRAB

BY FRED GUARDINEER

Fishermen Worthy Products

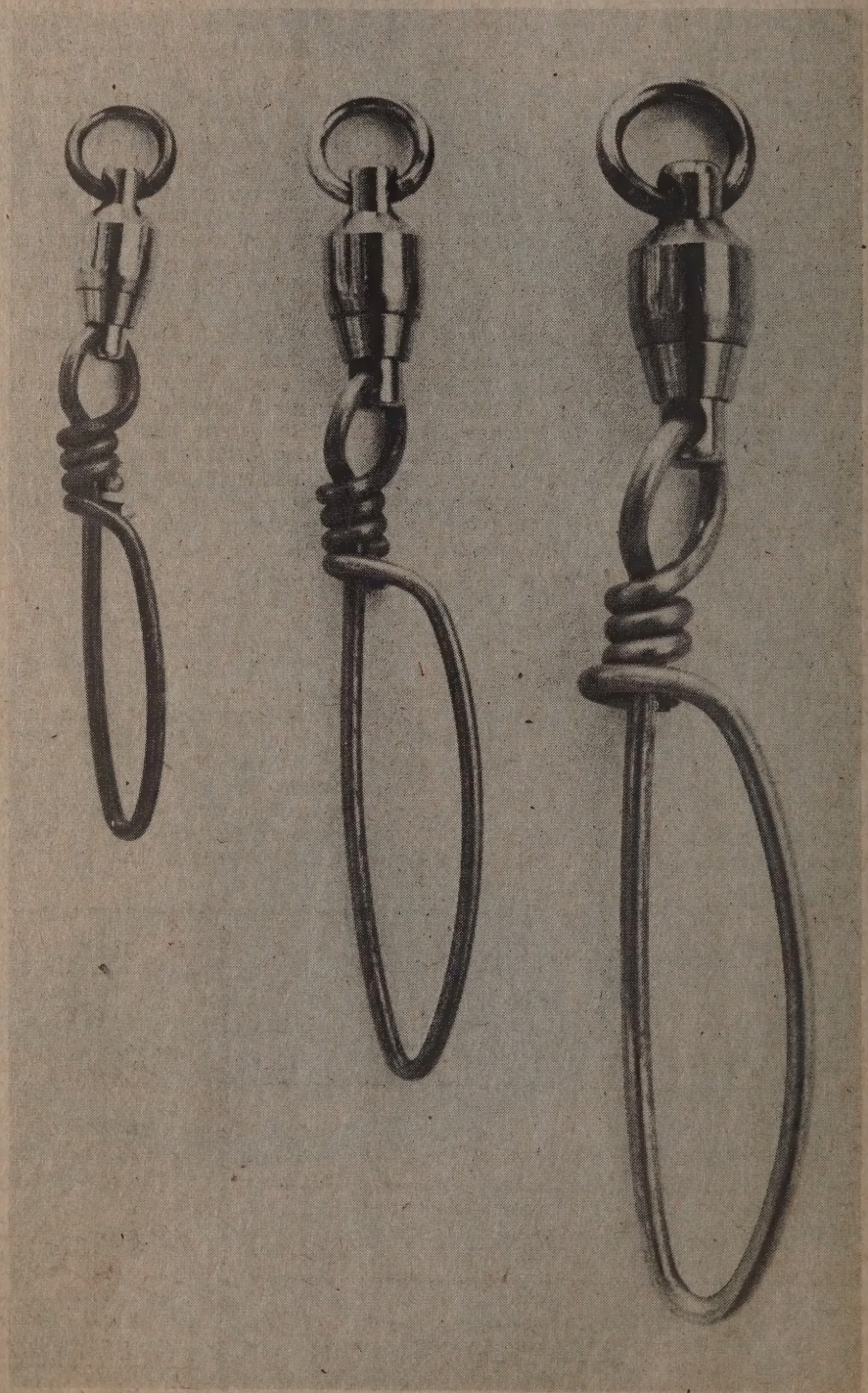
by William A. Muller

YEARLY EVENT! Each year we try to report on products that we've tested during the fishing season and found to be valuable. This does not mean we recommend these products over others that are available. Rather, since we can't try everything, we do wish to tell you about good products that we do get the opportunity to test.

BLUE FOX: RED GILL! We are already known on the beach as a rubber maven by some friends, and at the risk of encouraging further comments about our worms and curly tails, I'd like to tell you about the Red Gill. John Fritz recently devoted an entire column to the lure, so I won't repeat his comments; but this lure is one of several products that can be used ahead of a plug as a teaser with great success. We found that the use of a Red Gill teaser can improve the size of the catch especially when sand eels are the bait in the area you are fishing.

ANGLING AIDS: DROPPA! The last six or seven years sand eels have been very abundant (in fact, the most abundant bait) and their tremendous numbers have stimulated a revival in the use of teasers. The need for a teaser arises when quality game fish feed on some thin baits. Often under such conditions, a match-the-hatch approach is more important than action or color. Over the decades, the bucktail or feather teaser was a favored teaser design under small bait conditions. Although in recent years more diverse and elaborate designs in plastic and rubber have become available, the feather and/or bucktail is just as effective as ever. Years ago we made our own teasers, but today it's much easier since they are now produced commercially. One we used with good success is the DROPPA. This teaser comes in a selection of colors and like all teasers should be rigged about eighteen inches ahead of a swimming plug.

MANN'S BAIT CO. Many of you are already familiar with Mann's Jellyworms as a great weakfish lure. However, you're probably not familiar with another Mann's product. We found the "Swimmin' Grub" to be a very productive teaser for weaks and bass. Actually, the lure was intended as part of a lead-head to be bounced on the bottom. We figured it had potential as a teaser and we were right. This lure also comes in a selection of colors, but we found solid white was the best all-round producer on salty-type species. Obviously, the grub does not come rigged, but you can easily rig it by inserting a #1 short-shank tinned hook in through the head of the lure and then out at the mid-section so that the broad-faced tail hangs down in the water.



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Now tie about a nine inch length of 20 lb. test monofilament to the eye of the hook and attach the mono leader to a swivel on the main line that has been previously tied in about 18" from the plug.

IN FRESH WATER? I don't do very much freshwater fishing, but my oldest son Drew does quite a bit of it. In addition to fly fishing for trout, he pursues largemouths on Long Island with enthusiasm and success. Thus, when we were given the opportunity to try the Heddon "Hedd-Hunter" and the Heddon "Prey-Fish" we turned the field testing over to Drew. His report indicates that not only do Long Island largemouths favor these lures, but do so pickerel and a few of the over-sized panfish he comes across. I know that some of you salties like freshwater fishing as well, and perhaps you'll want to give these lures a try.

WEBER TACKLE'S MR. CHAMP. If you like to fish tins then our recent experience with a new tin may interest you. "Mr. Champ" is a double, flat-sided tin with reflecting facets on the side. We used it in the surf one morning when the water was a bit dirty due to a previous storm and found it was just the ticket to fool small blues. The reflecting facets seem to help the blues to find the lure in the dirty water.

ANOTHER TIN! An old friend asked us to try a tin we had heard about but never tried. The Charlie Pasquale tins produced by Diamond Feather Lures in Yonkers were successful on weaks and blues alike and were especially effective when worked slowly close to the bottom. The Pasquale tins come in an array of sizes from a fraction of an ounce to the huge tins needed in the big surf. The company also offers many shapes from flat-sided butterfish type tins to long narrow ones that imitate a sand eel.

SHAKESPEARE'S SIGMA 070. We tried this reel out in the late spring. The reel features a drag located under the housing instead of in the spool and this allows a fisherman to easily change a drag setting in mid-fight. The reel also features sturdy construction and we were impressed with its casting ease. We also tried the Sigma line. We found it to be durable with good knot strength.

SHIMANO'S BANTAM REELS. We've used the Bantam 100 for a few years now, but this year we tried the Bantam tournament model and the model 1000. The compact design and a drag like butter that characterizes the 100 were every bit the proud features of these other models. We found the reels to be very adaptable. We used them in the surf (quiet backwaters) for weaks and enjoyed a high sensitive feel on the retrieve and, of course, the ultra-smooth drag, and we used the reel when bottom fishing for flounder and fluke because of the level wind and good sensitivity. We also have cast to weaks and blues from a boat with good success. Don't let the small sizes fool you—they are power-packed.

SAMPO: SWIVELS. Over the years I've used many different types of swivels and snaps. Some types were less than satisfactory and some very, very good. In recent years we have settled in comfortable use with one design because we haven't lost a lure or a fish yet. However, this summer we were invited to make the Sampo challenge. The folks at Sampo asked us to link together a variety of swivels from different manufacturers and to include one of theirs. Then they suggested we pull hard and rotate. They asked: "Which swivels didn't turn under pressure?" Most of the models failed to turn under pressure. Happily, the one I use regularly did turn and so did the Sampo. The Sampo people say that ball bearings make the difference. This test indicates that when you're fighting a big fish that the swivels will continue to do the job it was intended to do: swivel! The Sampo swivels are available in a variety of sizes and in black or nickel. Designs include with and without Duo-Lock snaps, Coast-lock snaps, Lock snaps, McMahon Snaps, Safety-Snaps, Pompanette Snaps, and Lockscrew Snaps.

ZEBCO'S SURF REEL MODEL 6070. We tried this reel this spring. It is a large reel and the drag is very smooth. We also found that the reel cast easily and I guess it was the second or third trip out when a good-sized fish put the reel to the test. We were impressed with the balance of the reel which made fighting the fish easy.

STORM LURES. These are swimming plugs and are pretty much designed along the lines of Swedish style plugs except that the lip is an extension of the plug's plastic body and the head is considerably fatter. The lure casts well for a light lure and swims well. We found bass and blues took a liking to it. We haven't as yet had a chance to use it under a wide range of conditions and so we'll have to wait till next year to conclude our field test report.

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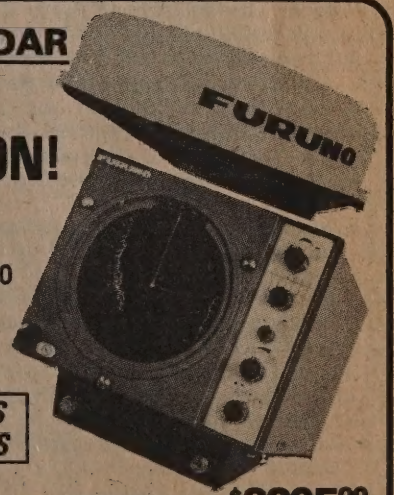

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NORTH FORK BLUES

by John Fritz

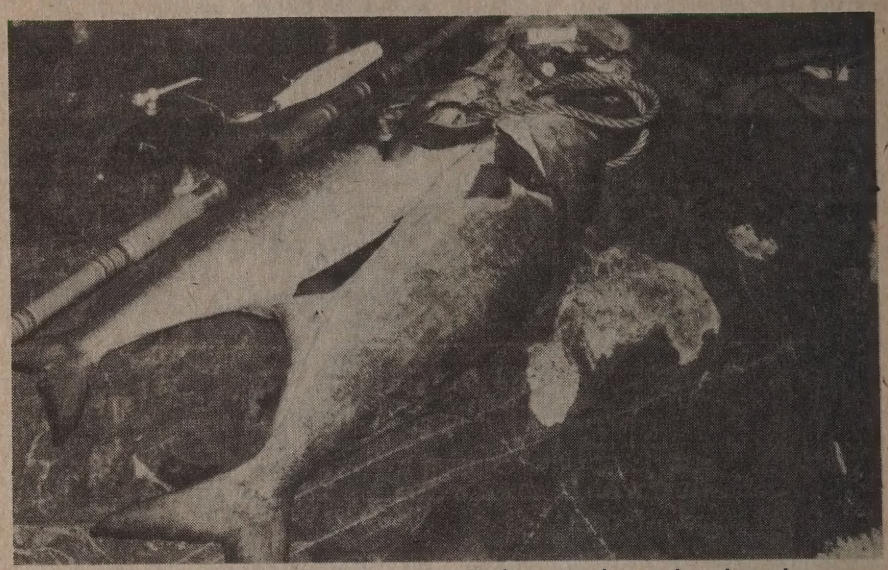
Our first glimpse of the Sound was just about what we expected. The brisk northwest wind was doing its job well, creating numerous flashes of white that soon faded in the rush towards the beach. As I swung the truck into the parking lots, two sights greeted us simultaneously. The first was Steve peering through his glasses towards the point. The second was the object of his interest—a compact flock of gulls obviously working over a school of fish. Steve's hesitation stemmed from the fact that there was considerable distance between where the school of fish were feeding and the farthest point one could reach with his cast.

After a bit of discussion it was decided that the onshore wind, coupled with the falling tide should force the fish closer to the beach. We gathered our gear and walked with a brisk pace toward the Point, approximately 500 yards down the beach. Our walk soon became a trot for it was obvious that the school was moving closer to shore.

As we came within reach of the school, sorely out of breath, 3½ oz. Polaris plugs were cast into the teeth of the wind. At the instant the plug hit the water it was engulfed by a frenzied chopper. With the battle engaged, my attention was momentarily distracted by the arched rods of my three companions and the fact that the school, now furiously slashing on the surface, was moving parallel to the beach. The decision to hurry the encounter was a mistake for the hook pulled free and I was left with a limp line. A hurried retrieve and a dash after the moving school soon had me hooked up to another bluefish only this time I decided to play the fish carefully and ignore where the school was headed.

Unhappily on this day the school did not hold to the shore, rather it made one run and then resumed its position just beyond casting range. Fortunately on many occasions these schools will take up residence in a particular rip where they will spend an entire tide feeding on the bait being washed along by the currents. It is at times such as this that surfmen can become arm weary struggling to hold huge choppers against the force of the current.

Thrilling surfcasting to schools of hungry blues can be enjoyed periodically throughout the length of the season along the entire shore of Long Island Sound. As the waters chill with the approach of winter, these schools work their way east, frequently pausing in their travels to feed at preferred locations. Rather than trying to cover a vast stretch of waterfront knowledgeable surfmen concentrate their efforts on these sites. Geographically these locations relate to points of land jutting into the Sound or the beaches adjacent to harbor mouths where rips and back eddies form to provide ideal conditions for predator fish to seek their prey.



A couple of "North Fork Slammers" that struck a swimming plug.

As the season draws to a close the beaches along the North Fork become increasingly active as a greater number of fish funnel into this area prior to their sweep through the Gut and into the open sea. Autumn bluefishing generally begins early in October with local casters patiently slinging cut bait, seeking an infrequent blue. Plug casters, unwilling to engage in this sport, bide their time until the tempo of the fishing intensifies or a stiff northerly wind perks up the action. When this occurs, sunrise will expose these expectant anglers thoughtfully studying the waterfront from their vehicles or busily plying the shore with their bag full of lures and their favorite plugging rod.

Plug casting for migrating schools of bluefish normally peaks during the first half of November with the concentration of bait and the severity of the changing weather being important factors in the quality of fishing. Sustained northeast winds can delay the migration and provide excellent action when the fish are held in a particular rip, similar to what occurred a few years back. As the masses of these slammer blues proceed seaward, more and more striped bass begin to show in the angler's catch.

In the past, the number of non-resident anglers fishing the North Fork beaches was minimal but as the word leaked out and the fishing further west deteriorated popular locations out east have experienced severe crowding. Some residents of this area, unlike those fishing the ever-popular South Fork, became disturbed by the influx of outsiders on their beaches. True, there were incidents by some inconsiderate anglers which created hard feelings between the locals and guests who swarmed onto the beaches. As a result of these incidents, summertime parking regulations are sometimes enforced, therefore, the assumption that all restrictions are eased at this late stage of the season is occasionally incorrect. Non-residents should abide by the posted restrictions and when on the beach conduct themselves as a guest. If in doubt, parking has been permitted on state roads in the Town of Southold with no driving on the beach unless in possession of a Town permit.

When fishing the beaches of the North Fork the specialized equipment

often required by surfmen in other areas is not always necessary. Therefore novice anglers, with inadequate gear, will be encountered. Although it is possible to work this area with piecemeal tackle, anglers seeking teen-sized bluefish under customary crowded conditions in often rock-strewn waters should use medium action 10' or 11' rods equipped with a smooth operating, sturdy reel spooled with 15 or 20 lb. test line. Waders and tops are not always needed with surf conditions or inclement weather dictating the necessary attire. While a gaff is beneficial but not absolutely vital, a successful angler, desiring to return with his catch, should include a stringer of some sort among his equipment.

As with all bluefishing, wire leaders are helpful but not an absolute must. In order to play it safe a few leaders can be carried in case the fishing becomes hectic with resulting frayed lines and lost plugs. In most situations bluefish will hit the plug from the rear, being impaled on the tail hook which provides a margin of safety when tying directly to monofilament line.

The ebbing tide is preferred by most anglers frequenting these shores with ideal conditions being present when this tide occurs during the dawn and dusk periods. If circumstances prohibit fishing at this time of the day, midday fishermen can be assured that on numerous occasions flurries of stimulating action have taken place under the noonday sun. From the last few lines it can be assumed that most of this action is undertaken during daylight hours with the beaches becoming deserted once darkness sets in.

In some of the area, where the falling tide is constricted in its flow around the tip of a point or by an obstructing bar, these powerful blues will frequently swim with the current after they are hooked. Fishermen holding their position soon find their line forms a sharp angle with the beach. In such cases, it is advisable to walk in the direction of the fish in an effort to maintain the line at an angle closer to the perpendicular. Better control of the fish is thereby gained plus the engaged angler will not interfere with other anglers fishing downtide. Thoughtful anglers, not fighting a fish of their own, should clear the way for anyone struggling to keep pace with his fish.

Plugs which cause a commotion on the water's surface are the favorite choice of the majority of plug casters. Typical popping plugs, such as the Atom Striper Swiper, are most often used but many prefer to switch to the heavier Polaris plugs when casting into a stiff wind. Then there is that small number of anglers who choose to use the pencil popper which, when worked as intended, can be the ultimate daytime lure in enticing hesitant fish into making a strike. Even though these types of plugs comprise the largest percentage of productive lures there are occasions when other lures are necessary for success. During the periods when these bluefish sulk near the bottom, refusing to rise to attack a surface lure, a shiny tin worked close to or dragged along the bottom is needed to induce a strike. In other instances, slow moving plugs, such as the Atom 40 or the Super Strike swimmer will produce a strike when fast moving popping plugs fail. On other occasions, when the fish are lying deep in a fast moving rip, fishermen using bottle plugs will take fish when others fail to get a hit.

Particular colors are not important when fast and furious action takes place, but when the fish are picky, yellow or white plugs are preferred. As one can see a careful selection of lures should be carried in an attempt to be ready for all situations.

With the constantly changing patterns of migrating fish, it is gratifying to be assured that some habits are unchanged. When the fish fail to make their appearance along your favorite beaches take a trip to the North Fork. The fishing conditions are generally less trying than on the South Shore, that is until your rod suddenly arches under the force of a strike from a monster bluefish.

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WINTER CODFISHING

by Matt Ahern

I don't know about you, how you feel about it, but I love winter codfishing. I enjoy everything about it: its ruggedness, the inclement weather, the opportunity to pit myself against Nature and catch big fish, plus (and very important to me) the die-hard companionship one finds only when winter codfishing. Birds of a feather, and all that. Truly, one must be a genuine "fishing nut" to love winter codfishing.

But, you say, there's Montauk's summer codfishing...why take a beating in winter? To that, let me say that I have nothing against Montauk or summer codfishing. The fishing there is often spectacular, the weather fine; but, for me, there is something missing. Perhaps it is the ease of the fishing, the serenity of summer itself, for to me, codfishing and summer do not harmonize.

And then again, perhaps the real reason is because as a Brooklyn street kid who first began codfishing over a half-century ago, we fishermen of that time knew nothing of the possible existence of a summer codfishery. As the twig is bent...and so forth. And let us not forget the old saw which says you can't teach an old dog new tricks. There's certainly truth in that.

As I said, summer codfishing was unheard of in my Brooklyn neighborhood. In fact, of the dozens of crackerjack bottom fishermen whom I considered my friends, none I recall ever mentioned summer codfishing. To us, you might say, codfishing in summer was an unknown as the dark side of the moon. And just as accessible.

For who among us could have afforded a trip to Montauk even if we had known? Many fishermen at that time thought themselves lucky indeed if they could dig up the needed $2 for plain old New York Bight fishing.

But dig them up, they did; which when I think of it now, must have been a considerable feat in itself, for few were fortunate enough in those miserable days of the Great Depression to hold down a steady job. There were many—fishermen and non-fishermen alike—who found themselves starving more rapidly than prosperity could turn the corner.

I'm pushing seventy now, but I still go winter codfishing. However, this achievement is nothing to brag about, for I am not alone. Many of the daily letters I receive come from winter codfishermen much older than I. And I've noticed we all have something in common: we never seem to have a sick day from one year to the next. I sometimes think it is the promise of next winter's codfishing that keeps us going. So perhaps there's something here that all those health-concerned joggers I see on the streets lately might take to heart.

I rarely go codfishing on party boats anymore. If I had to, I most certainly would; but it isn't necessary that I do so. Those of you who read this column regularly know about my fishing buddy Artie Leidecker and his boat Echo. Artie and I have been fishing together for over sixty years, and I've never met a better codfisherman. I compare him with the best party boat skippers I've known. I'm sure I'll never be as good a codfisherman no matter how hard I try. And it is on the Echo I do my winter codfishing, learning something new every time I go out.

Because I am from the old school, I use old-fashioned codfishing methods (if they can be called that); but they do catch the cod. And it is this I want to tell you about.

First of all, codfish aren't difficult to catch. Perhaps in the beginning they'll give you a hard time (they did me). But if you remember that they are no longer plentiful, and remember to have patience, you'll do all right. Rome wasn't built in a day. I'm not trying to discourage you by saying this, nor am I attempting to tell you you're going to go out there and knock 'em dead. Some first-timers do, of course, when the conditions are right; but this is the exception to the rule.

I first began codfishing with a dropline. Then I graduated to a converted hickory billiard cue with a taped on wooden sidewinder reel. Then I was given a beautiful rod of lancewood with German silver mountings—which, incidentally, I'll tell you about in next week's Old-Timer's column.

I don't mean to take anything away from those fellows who still use droplines (and there are a few left), but it wasn't until I used a rod for codfishing that I knew what fishing was all about. While it is true that you will catch more cod on a dropline (once the basics and experience are gained), I'd rather catch one cod on a rod than two on a dropline. Any time.

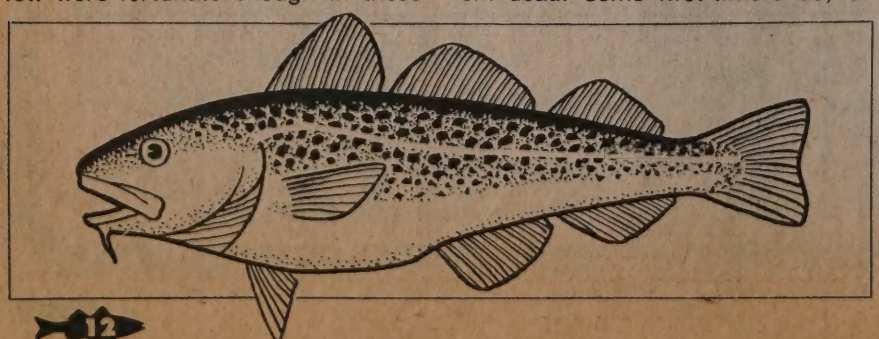
I now use a Harnell rod—a six footer—with a Penn 155 reel. It isn't necessary to use this particular reel, of course, but whatever kind you decide to use, make sure it is capable of holding at least 100 yards of 30 lb. test good quality mono. It should also have a dependable, smooth-working drag. If you tie into a big cod (and there's no reason why you shouldn't) you'll need everything going for you. This outfit has never failed me no matter how large the cod.

And now we get down to the nitty-gritty of codfishing.

Bait. I believe that those fellows who have poor codfishing results are those who don't pay enough attention to their bait. They've been told that because "old whiskers" has a bucket mouth, they've got to use big baits. Don't believe it! I've caught more—and larger—cod on one-third or one-half a skimmer (depending upon size of the whole clam) than I have by "filling up" the hook until it could hold no more.

Sure, if you're lucky and you hit upon a large school of cod, the competition for food will be great, and it is then when any size bait will do. But I haven't hit a codfishing day like that in years, and I don't believe you will—at least not for several more years until the damage done to our cod fishery by the foreign rapists who had a grand old time off our shores for years has been overcome.

Hooks. Ah! The mesmerizing effect of hooks on dedicated fishermen is well documented. And because of this, you will find the best fishermen are those who are hook fanatics. It has always been so; and always will be so.



I used to use the standard codfish hook: an 8/0 or 9/0 Sproat with a tarred snell. But then I found that when using smaller pieces of bait, those hooks stood out like a sore thumb. And if I have discovered anything about cod, it is that they are line shy. And spooky. I'd been told this years ago, but I didn't believe it. After all, I reasoned, how could a 30 or 40 lb. cod be afraid of a hook? But I found it was so.

From then on I began to experiment, gradually reducing the hook's size (and keeping records of the results) until I came to the 5/0. This was the hook that brought me more cod than any other. I still use it today. Occasionally, when the fish are finicky, I will use the commercial fisherman's set-line hook: a 5/0 Limerick.

So—using a 5/0 Sproat hook and no more than one-half of a medium-sized skimmer (one-third if it's large), I have decked more cod than I thought possible.

When a cod finds your bait interesting, it will do one of two things. It will strike with vengeance, or it will snuggle up and gently inhale it. In the first instance, you are going to know all about it. And it is here when you must be alert. I've found when cod attack bait, it is always best to wait for at least three good tugs. And when you do strike—strike hard! You've got to plant that hook in that leather-like jaw; half-hearted attempts won't do it.

Of all the cod I've caught, most were the "snuggle-up" type. By that I mean I had no inkling of their presence. Therefore, it pays to lift the rod (cautiously) from time to time. If weight is felt, tighten up all slack, get a good grip on your rod—and strike. Hard! Then immediately call for the gaff.

Your cod will put up a good show of resistance. It will pound every few feet and this is the time to hang on. If the fish is large, that drag you've set (correctly, we hope) will take over. Allow no slack, but begin reeling when the fish hesitates in its efforts to reach bottom. It will swim with you, and then pound again. It will do this several times and then docilely allow itself to be reeled in. Be sure that gaff is ready, for your cod will roll on the surface and if there are lines close by, they are sure to become entangled, causing not only a mess, but the possible loss of your fish.

When codfishing, always keep a still line. Don't jig if you use bait, regardless of what you've been told. It took some time for me to get this through my head because I had received the wrong information from someone who claimed to be an expert codfisherman.

Dress warmly and bring plenty of hot coffee. Even a mild day on shore means little on a winter sea.

And I hope that at the conclusion of your trip, you will love winter codfishing as I do. To me, there's nothing like it.

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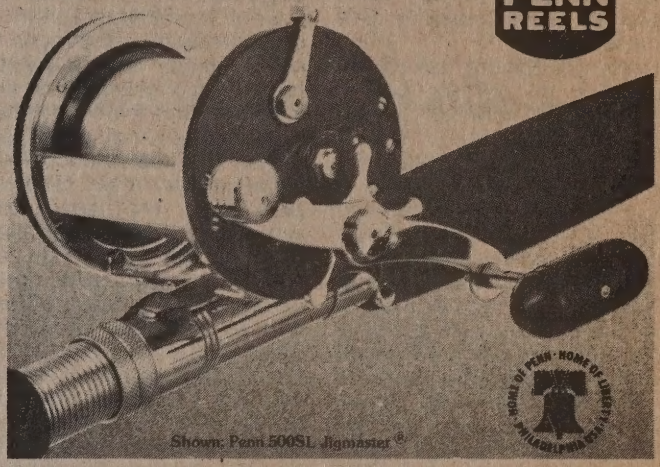

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SCORE WITH COD

Part One — *by John Konior*

There is absolutely no doubt that to be a successful cod angler, one must follow several time tested techniques. While I certainly don't consider myself in the same class as the many "old pros" I've been fortunate in meeting over the years, I've managed to copy a great deal of their techniques. Not surprisingly, when I've employed these methods I've done quite well.

Fortunately, codfishing has shown some evidence of getting better. However, I doubt whether it will really improve significantly for at least several more years. In days gone by, one didn't have to be a master to fill a burlap sack with cod. But even in those days, a few anglers always managed to catch far more and bigger fish than anyone else. Today the cost of a codfish trip is getting pretty expensive. I don't think it's going to be unusual paying from $25-$30 on an open boat and considerably more on special offshore/wreck trips. When you combine the direct cost of the fare with the costs of traveling to the boat, pools, tackle, lunches, etc., you're not talking about an insignificant sum of money.

What it all boils down to is that whether you like it or not, chuck all your ideas out the window and follow the techniques I'm suggesting to assure yourself of a better chance of getting a return on your investment. Don't get me wrong. These methods won't assure you of winning the pool, or for that matter filling your bags, but they should improve your opportunities considerably.

To illustrate a point, let's refer to some of the reports you no doubt have read recently concerning the take when codfishing. Most of these reports read that Boat X landed 80 cod, with Sam Getsum winning the pool with a 40 lber. What you don't know is that Boat X had 30 anglers aboard, and that Sam Getsum caught 14 fish, while his buddy Joe Haulem-up landed 10 more. That leaves 56 fish for the other 28 anglers aboard, or an average of two fish per man. You don't have to be a genius to figure out that quite a few anglers didn't catch anything.

So, the two old pros must be doing something right, and in fact they are. What's surprising is that the methods they employ are not complicated. In fact they're very simple, and with some practice anyone can learn to master them. A word before we discuss them. Don't get discouraged if you're not successful at first. After all, experience is the most important factor. By observing the angler who is doing best, you'll pick up more pointers than by reading a library of literature on how-to. But at least you'll be ahead of those anglers who know nothing beforehand.

Where you locate yourself on the boat is probably one of the most important factors, depending on what type of fishing the captain intends to concentrate on. Most open boats will either anchor over a ledge or open bottom, anchor over a wreck, or drift if current and wind permits.

When anchored over open bottom, by far the best locations are either corner of the stern followed by the bow; along the stern; along either side near the stern; with the sides the poorest choice. When a boat is anchored it will settle down current away from the anchor. Lines will drift naturally towards the stern. Fish will naturally swim up-current. Aside from being positioned where the fish will see your bait first, the corner positions of the stern permit you to cast away from the boat. Getting your rig away from the crowd has a lot to do concerning whether you will catch fish or not. It's also the reason why the bow is a second choice over the stern over all other locations despite being furthest up-current.

You can just picture all the lines converging from the bow towards the stern. The situation leads to some nasty tangles causing considerable lost time, and your rig is just one among many so it almost becomes a matter of luck should a cod decide to take your bait.

On the other hand, drifting is an entirely different matter. When wind and current permits the captain will drift. If there's not too many people aboard he will ask everyone to fish only one side of the boat. When that's not possible, he will alternate drifts giving each side a chance of not having their lines under the boat. By far the best location when drifting is the bow because regardless of which way you'll be drifting you'll always be in the clear of other lines. The next choice is the sides, with the stern the poorest location.

It's very important when drifting to use a sinker heavy enough to permit you to hold bottom without laying out a lot of line. If you pay out a lot of line, especially when the drift causes your line to drift under the boat, your lines will become entangled with lines on the other side of the boat. Furthermore, you stand to have your line chaffed by rubbing the boat's keel, and will lose sensitivity in feeling the bite of the fish because of mono's tendency to stretch as more line is let out. While somewhat more difficult, fishing under the boat during a drift allows you first crack at encountering fish. It's all the more reason why you shouldn't let out too much line.

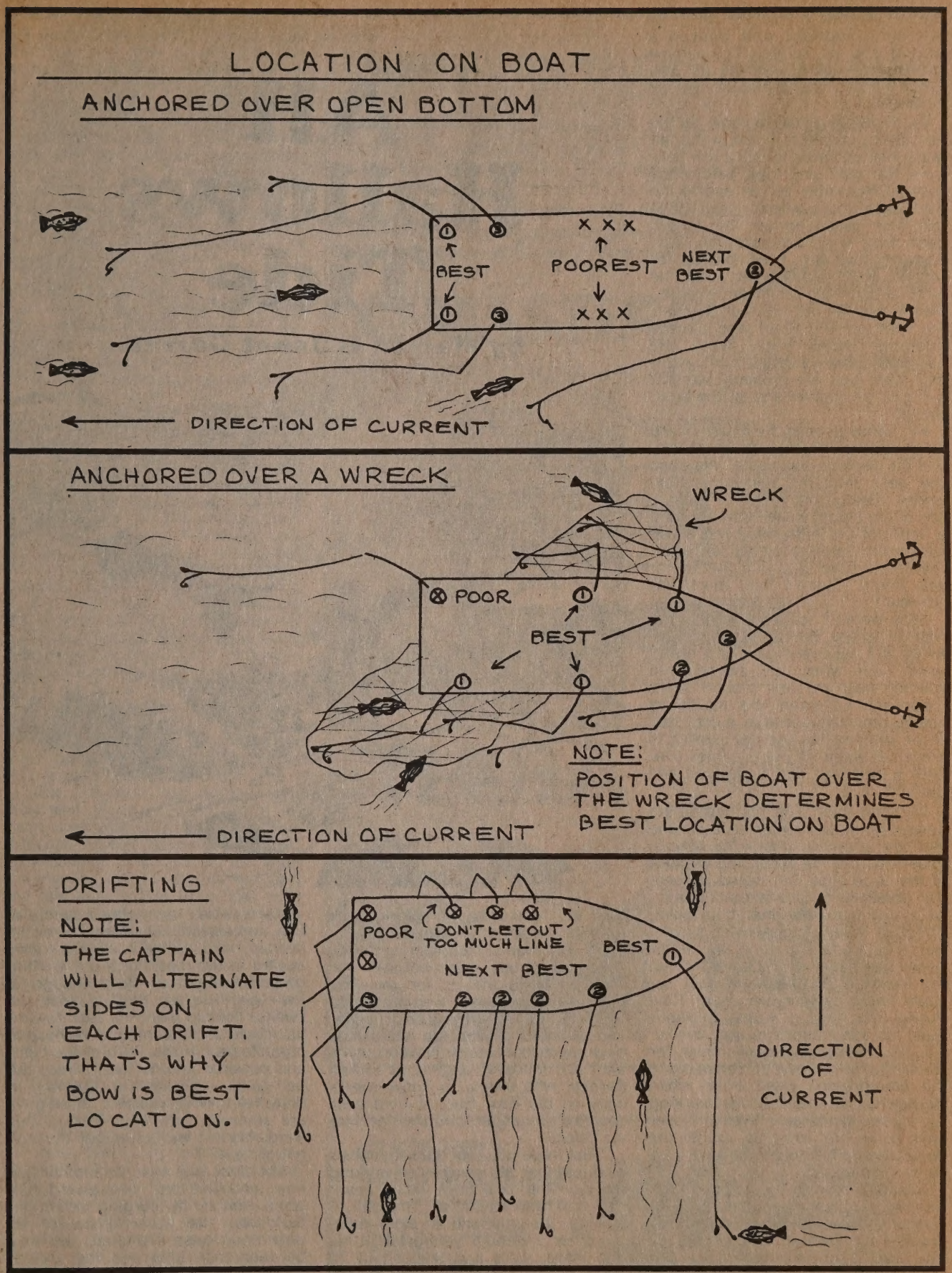
The other method is anchoring over a wreck. Here it is difficult to determine beforehand just where the best location on the boat is because it will depend on how the boat is positioned over the wreck. The only saving grace with this situation, is to change your location if the boat's not crowded should you happen to be in the wrong spot.

Because location on the boat is so important, it's always a good idea to call the captain the day before to determine what type of fishing method he intends to employ. Once you know, you can select your positions accordingly. One other point. When you call, ask whether the captain accepts reservations. Most open boats do not allow reservations, but some do. On the other hand, special offshore wreck/ledge trips always require reservations plus a deposit which must be mailed in advance.

It's interesting to note that at least one open boat out at Montauk is now requiring that you sign in at a booth to reserve a location on the boat, paying the fare prior to boarding the boat. In any case, when planning an open boat trip call in advance and try to get a reservation. If not allowed, then get there early so you can improve your chances of obtaining a choice spot. Be aware, however, that in some ports (particularly Montauk) many anglers stay overnight to assure a choice location especially during the summer season.

Hopefully you have chosen a choice location on the boat. The next feature of prime importance is your tackle. I recommend that you use only conventional gear. Offshore codfishing is simply not suitable for spinning tackle. Strong currents and deep water generally require the use of heavy sinkers. Heavier lines are normally required to minimize breakage when reeling in a cod or to pull free from bottom snags. Unless the boat is extremely uncrowded, don't use spinning tackle. You'll lose a lot of fish and rigs, plus invite the ire of anglers whom you'll inevitably tangle up with.

The preferred rod is a medium to heavy action 7' to 7½' in length, a 3/0 to 4/0 class reel with a smooth star drag loaded with 40 or 50 lb. test good

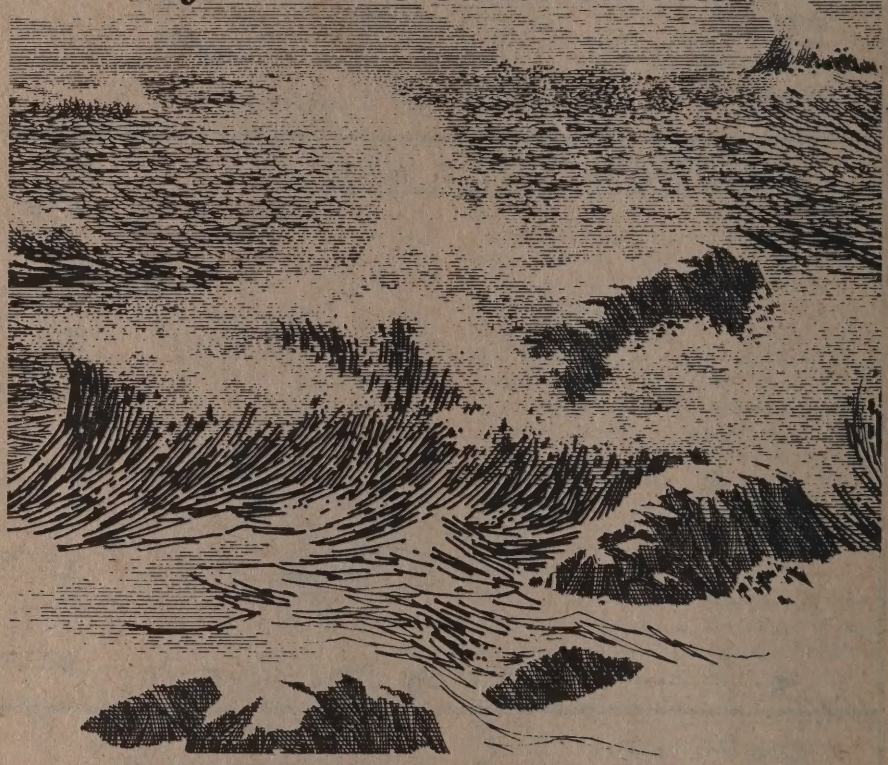


quality mono line. I prefer 40 lb. test mono, but have seen anglers get good results with 30 lb. or 50 lb. test. Remember, the heavier the line, the more resistance it offers to the water, thus requiring heavier sinkers. Use of lighter line, although not requiring as heavy a sinker, is subject to breakoffs, especially when wreck fishing and when large fish are being caught.

All open boats that I know of provide suitable tackle at nominal cost. However, if you're really into codfishing, it's best to acquire your own tackle. Next week we'll take a look at terminal tackle among other things.

All Hallows Tide

by Martin & Janet Garrell



Barney reached across the table for another doughnut and poured a second cup of coffee. The simple statement, "Why don't we at least give it a try?", was written all over his whiskers.

We'd always gotten together on the East End a couple of times in the fall every year and tried to pull a few bass from the bars and rips before the gales of November put an end to the fishing, but that particular year (1977) had been tough on us. We'd both been busy with our personal lives, Barney's boat had been laid up for repairs until mid-October, and the weather had been consistently rotten. Now it was the last night of October, the wind off the Point was already pushing fifteen knots from the northeast, and the small craft warnings were up. We probably weren't going to get another shot at the bass, though.

My buddy phoned the Coast Guard for a weather check, nodded at me, and the decision was made. We piled the gear into his ancient station wagon. Really, not much to pack: a box of big plugs, some bucktails, and a bottle of old pork rind, and a two wire outfit. Late season is like that off the Point: either you find the fish or you don't. There's not much in-between!

Seas weren't too bad around the Marina where Barney kept his 20' Mako, but the swells gave us a pretty good bath when we swung into position near the reef around 9PM. Openings between the scudding clouds provided a look at a cold half moon, and the tide was just starting to move out when we put the lines over with a swimmer and a bucktail and paid out wire.

My companion fixed his eyes on the Lowrance, noting the wrinkles of the reef and growling about the abundance of bait in the water and the lack of the large blips that would indicate the presence of predators. Usually, he'd have to caution me about being attentive when things start slowly, but he didn't have to worry that night. Sensing that the trip would be the last for the year and knowing that we could find a bass or two at any time during the moving water, I didn't need his admonitions to stay awake. I'd just cranked in the swimmer for the fifth time to shake off remnants of the omnipresent weed lines when Barney noticed the other boat working the rip alongside us. "Weird! Never even heard him come up. Guess the wind covered his engine or he drifted some," he added.

Suddenly my rod tip whipped back into the night and we had no time for further speculation. My friend quickly cranked his bucktail in, nudged the boat away from the churning rip, and stood by with the gaff. The bass, a fish in the 20s, was dispatched relatively easily on the #40 wire outfit. A couple of short dashes, a few shakes of its head on the way in, and the swivel was rattling through the carbide rings. Barney did the honors with the hook, and we swung back into the slot we'd just trolled.

For a moment a half moon emerged from the clouds, and we saw our companions in the rip for the first time. The boat was a well-preserved old-timer of Lapstrake construction, and a short canvas top amidships gave scanty cover to its two occupants and an inboard engine. I asked Barney, who seems to know everybody on the East End, if he'd ever seen the two anglers and their ancient rig before.

"Not those two...or the boat either. And just look at how they're working the rip. The local guys would never fish that way anymore!" Instead of trolling, the pair, one an older man, the other a slender youngster in his late teens, were anchored about 75 yards uptide of the bar, now boiling midway into the ebb. Short, stout sticks and conventional reels flung their offerings uptide, and both anglers played their baits, which Barney guessed were rigged eels, down into the seething rips.

We watched them play a couple of fish successfully on a simultaneous hookup, and, after the bass came aboard in the moonlight, our trolling pattern brought us close enough to hail the little sea skiff amidst the swells. The old man, his back toward us, waved back, pointed to the heap of bass stacked in the stern of the boat, and powered another cast across the half-gale. I looked at Barney in disbelief. "What a score...those guys are amazing, but, hey, look at this wind. Hadn't we better get the hell out of here?"

The older man was into another fish now, and this one was giving him some trouble by surging downtide. Suddenly, the silver shape of an enormous bass broached halfway between their boat and the wall of water marking the reef at full tidal flow. "Jimmy, start the engine, and throw the anchor buoy! This fish we want sure!" bellowed the man, and the boy complied quickly.

Its old gasoline engine chugging furiously, the little skiff slipped back

through the seas as the man fought his bass, desperately trying to keep the huge fish from getting into the kelpy reef. The boat was nearly at the edge when the old man tried to gaff the fish himself; the boy reflexively left the wheel to help out. As an incredible linesider flopped over the side, the boy lunged back to the engine...too late. The skiff swung broadside to the swells and the roar of the reef hammered them with a ten foot tower of white water. The cursing and yelling, barely audible in the wind, were over in seconds.

My companion gunned the twin 115s and swung around the rip in a half minute, as I sprawled on the deck. We watched the foam for ten minutes or longer on the down-tide side to no avail. No cries, no debris, absolutely nothing in the searchlight but water and wind.

It seemed like half a year, though it was only a half hour, until we reached the Marina where the Coast Guard waited for us. A young ensign peered at the bass we had aboard and shook his head; he'd never figure out bass fishermen who call the station, hear the storm warnings, and go out anyway. We'd finished telling our story when we noticed that the ensign had put his pad away and was staring at us. "Better talk to the Commander," he muttered. Neither Barney nor I could figure out why he never even moved in the direction of the big cutter in a nearby berth.

The old boy's office was comfortable and the complimentary coffee tasted really good at 2AM. He heard only a few sentences from us before shaking his head and telling us to keep a good grip on our mugs.

"Gus Davisson was a tough old fella who made a living from the Point; even when the Depression was at its peak he still had a market for his fish—usually bass. No matter what the weather, he'd hook and line 'em and like to sink that little boat with 'em. But, well, one Halloween, a night just like this, he and his boy Jim went out to fish the rips. They never came back. We never found either one...tho' a catch of bass rolled up in the surf under the light a couple of days later. In that catch, I still remember one enormous bass, maybe a 'hundertweight', with old Davisson's gaff socked in 'er."

"But when was that?"

"'32...45 years ago tonight. I was an ensign then, fellas!"

The Commander read the looks on our faces. Gently, he told us that we weren't the first with that story, and wished us a good night's sleep.

Barney and I still fish the East End together: Montauk, the Gut, the Sluiceway. We still go out on the August and September moons—sometimes we even fish the October moon. But when the nor'easters blow through at the end of that month, we're back home with the wives and the kids. Somehow, the moonlit tides of All Hallows no longer have much of an appeal.

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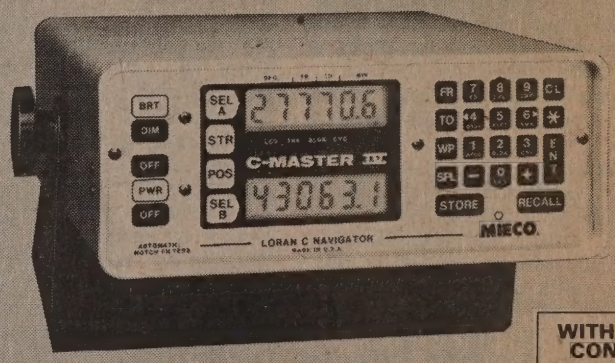

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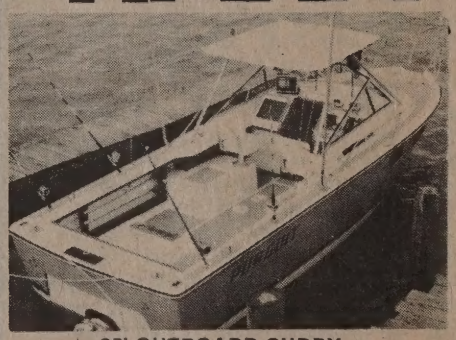

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HAVE YOU REALLY PLANNED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Part Two — *by Einar F. Grell*

Specific Defenses You Can Employ Against Boating Accidents

Three general concepts should be involved in protecting yourself from fatal, injurious or damaging accidents. These are: be aware of the eventual outcomes of your actions; think survival, rather than rescue; realize that accidents result from **long standing** chains of circumstances or modes of behavior.

Once you have set your mind, focusing upon the three general concepts, you are ready for the **specific defenses.** They are as follows:

1. Learn what cold water does to you and how you can survive in it.

2. Learn what a personal flotation device (PFD) will do for you. Learn about the kinds which are available and how you can properly use them.

3. Learn about the effect which alcohol has on your mind, body, and responses.

4. Buy quality equipment. You trust your own and your family's lives to it, DON'T YOU?

5. Learn about what is involved in operating and properly maintaining your boat and its equipment. Study operating manuals for your boat and motor. Stay up-to-date on U.S. Coast Guard and government pamphlets pertaining to safety, etc.

Booze and Boating. Booze or alcohol in one way or another appears as a very important aspect of boating. It is widely used and just as widely understood. Although a fairly large body of literature has been developed on the subject of alcohol and its effects, these inputs frequently reflect the subjective feeling of their authors more than objective observations and conclusions. For this reason, much of the literature is self-excluding and confusing. Another difficult aspect of talking about alcohol is its subjective, differing effect on everyone who uses it. Hence, to simply inform the average boater about the average reaction to average amounts of drinks, two or three, I would like to make and present the following points. These points appear repeatedly in the literature, even though they are disagreed with, as well as appearing in various studies of fatigue, stress, visual impairment, etc. Again, I must point out that the effect on your personally may not be as indicated in the following average examples, but that certainly doesn't rule out the effect on your wife, fishing friend, children or boating buddies and passengers.

One other thing: contrary to popular belief, roughly THE SAME amount of alcohol is contained in an average highball or mixed drink as found in a can of beer or in an average glass of wine. You really don't get drunk or sober, any faster or slower from drinking or mixing any of the above to the exclusion of any others. They all get you stoned at the approximate same rate. Also, alcohol is metabolized at a steady rate no matter how much you have consumed. Hence, a person who may have had his last drink the night before can still have enough unoxidized booze in his blood to make him dangerously intoxicated the next morning. An example of this is the number of boaters and fishermen who fatally fall overboard in the morning after a big drinking bout.

The Balance Factor. Most people killed in boating accidents fall out of their boats which the victim may or may not have capsized. Balance is one of the first things impaired by even one mixed drink, can of beer, or glass of wine. You may not notice any decrease in your balancing ability, but your inner ear and body do. A 12' or 14' john boat, canoe or outboard skiff is not the most stable location to debate this point or to experiment with it. Moreover, balance and coordination are somewhat co-related. Serious inquiries into drownings tend to indicate that **an inebriated person can't swim**, no matter what his sober ability. And, more importantly, a confused, scared, cold, tipsy, hypothermic person in dark, murky water, often swims **down**, rather than up to...safety. Amazing as it may seem.

Vision. We see through a process involving numerous eye fixations every second. These still pictures of our environment are then edited by our brain and placed together to form a continuous visual image of our surroundings. A couple of drinks and the average person reduces his eye fixations by as much as **one-half** those of of his sober state. Add the tunnel vision effect induced in eyes subject to glare and/or vibrations and you effectively put blinders on someone who has been drinking and piloting a boat. Note: most collisions at night contain accounts **by all involved**, that "WE had our lights on, but the OTHER guy didn't."

Integrating Stimuli. Our brains are receptors and integrators of information from our five or more senses. A couple of drinks and the **average** person markedly reduces his brain's ability to as rapidly integrate information as it does when he is sober. Sure, you may think that the cocktail party highball makes you most effective and persuasive as a speaker, but you had better check how well you are hearing the other guy—if you are hearing the other guy. The same thing applies to boating. A warm toddy or two may apparently make your piloting sense equal to that of Christopher Columbus or Sir Francis Drake on the Golden Hind, but you may fail to detect the telltale vibration in the prop shaft or your rudder's sluggish response which can eventually spell big trouble—even to Horatio Hornblower.

Risk-taking. Drowning statistics for 18-year-old males, the day after high school graduation, tend to go completely off the charts. Why? What is the basis for this lemming-like, young adult urge to self-destruction? It could very easily be derived from a fact known, understood, and interminably practiced by countless numbers of caddish Casanovas. To be perfectly blunt, alcohol usage, especially among the young and inexperienced, tends to reduce inhibitions. However, what should also be added is—especially in risk-taking situations. Too frequently the social imbiber, partially or wholly topped off on fire water, will tend to take risks which would cause him to turn pale, if not faint, when he is sober. Hence, many teenage tipplers, high on booze and youthful vigor get themselves into irreparable jams—especially in cold water. Similarly, many a meek "milk toast" boater will find himself driving a watery Indianapolis 500 after having a few drinks. Unfortunately, there are many other people on his particular race course who do not wish to become intimately involved, say port bow in the starboard quarter with this particular individual.

In the preceding paragraphs I have tried to give you an idea of what goes wrong occasionally on the water. Boating, fishing, and other water activities are basically the safest pastimes in our American way of life, considering the large numbers of people involved and the low rates of accidents. However, that doesn't mean you couldn't come a cropper through your own or someone else's ignorance of the simple and reason-

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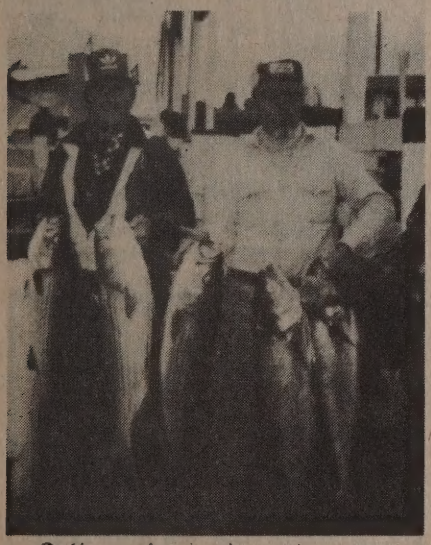
Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** tells us that night bluefishing is still tremendous at Cartwright...all alligators. The codfishing at Block Island has been good this week, with over 100 cod taken Saturday and 180-200 mixed cod pulled Sunday in the 5-12 lb. range. There was also a good scattering of blackfish, sea bass and blues. "Unbelievable" has been the only word to describe the porgy pulling at Block Island this past week. The fish are all jumbos and there are loads of them. Bags and bags are being dragged off the boat and the crew shipped 1100 lbs. in two days with just grabbing a rod at spare moments. Please note that the night blue trips are now running Wednesday and Saturday nights only.



Cliff and Angie show blues and bass taken on a recent trip aboard the "Adios" at Montauk

Captain Bud on the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** admits that he misses once in awhile, but for the most part striped bass are caught most days. The weakfish are thinning out but the always obliging blues are always ready to bite. Schoolie bass have been showing up in the rips.

Charter boat **Vivienne** called to say that the bass fishing has been good all week, in spite of a lull Friday and Saturday. Sunday things got hot again, with 23 bass taken on Ava jigs up to 28 lbs. On a weekday trip, a charter scored with 30 weaks and 5 bass, weaks in the 10 lb. range. Three cod were also caught at the Point. John notes as an aside that the haul seiners are doing very well on bass and weakfish, a clue that there are a good number of fish around now.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** called to say bass are excellent at the Point with weakfish mixed in. Tuesday's charter had 22 bass to 19 lbs. on trolled tubes and also on diamond jigs. The boat is now booking cod and blackfish trips.

Star Island Yacht Club reports a few bass per private boat hitting trolled tubes and diamond jigs at the Point. Cartwright is still loaded with big bluefish on jigs or bait. Ronnie Goldberg, C. Parke Fry and Dave Schulman aboard Ronnie's Barbara Jack fishing a secret lump with green crabs rang the bell with 60 blackfish from 7-10 lbs. Wow!

Charter boat **My Mate** called to report the bass fishing still going well, with bigger fish expected to move in as the temperatures continue to drop. Sunday's bluefish charter to the Sub Buoy produced large fish to 15 lbs. for William Smith and son of Mattituck. The fish hit trolled umbrellas.

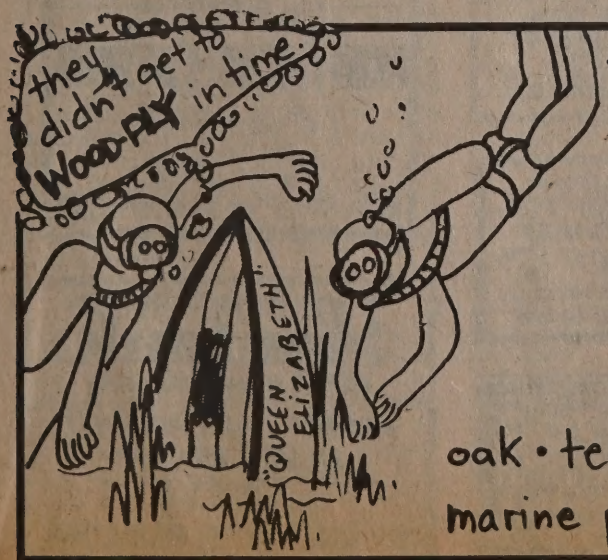
Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** called to say that he believes a new body of stripers have moved in at Montauk and some larger fish are now being taken. Their bellies when cut open are empty and the boat had 4 fish over 35 lbs. the latter part of this week. A charter Sunday for R. Yonkers of Bethpage had 9 bass and a load of blues.

Thirteen-year-old Craig Burchianti shows stripers of 40 and 42 lbs. he took at Montauk on the "Windy."

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EDITOR'S NOTE: A steady dose of wind through most of this past week slowed fishing activity to a crawl along this stretch of the Island. Bait and Tackle shops, fishing stations, and open boats all had little to divulge in the way of fishing reports as angler turnout was the lightest since early last spring. Generally lackluster fishing was probably just as responsible



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Eli Spektor, Jesse Bienstock and Nat Moskovitz with a catch of 170 flounder made south of buoy 43 in Moriches Bay on worms and clams Courtesy of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

as the wind for the waning interest. Moriches bay seems to be the lone exception where a good run of flounder have kept boatmen busy. Reports from the west (South Oyster Bay) indicate that flounder action in the area had become spotty after getting off to a fast start. Blackfish are petering out while the best bluefishing continues to be south of Fire Island Inlet in 100 to 110 feet of water when wind and seas permit getting to them. Bass fishing is very poor and most sharpies in the Moriches and Fire Island area have packed it in for the season. A few fish are being taken from the western bays, however. No word on any cod yet, but it's still early. Election Day is the generally accepted start along the South Shore.

MORICHES BAY

Gary at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** said while flounder fishing was difficult in all of the wind, fish were still taken in decent numbers at Haven's Point and bouy 42. Several boats managed at least 40 nice fish apiece with the best action occuring two hours on either side of high water. Chumming with corn and

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gatory Seats—the single seat which each state is guaranteed. All the other "citizen" seats are filled on an "at-large" basis and could go to any state. However, when the Council was formed the at-large seats were logically assigned two each to New York and New Jersey—and one each to Maryland and Virginia. Delaware and Pennsylvania (which has no seacoast) each got only their obligatory seat. Former NMFS Director Terry Leitzell "punished" New York by taking away one of the at-large seats in 1979 and giving it to the wife of a commercial fisherman from Delaware.

Goldman is a prominent attorney and enthusiastic surfcaster who has served the Council well as its Vice Chairman throughout its existence. Elliot has been a strong supporter of sport fishing causes and a most valuable Council member. Ricks Savage is a surf clammer who's taken a lot of heat from others in that industry about the Council's offshore clam management plan. Ricks has been a hard worker, taking a good deal of time away from his own business in order to give the Council 100% effort. Though a commercial fisherman, Ricks has been more than fair in making decisions on sport fishing matters—and I wouldn't hesitate to have him arbitrate any conflict. While New York received another setback, at least these two re-appointments took some of the sting out of that rebuke to Empire State sportsmen.

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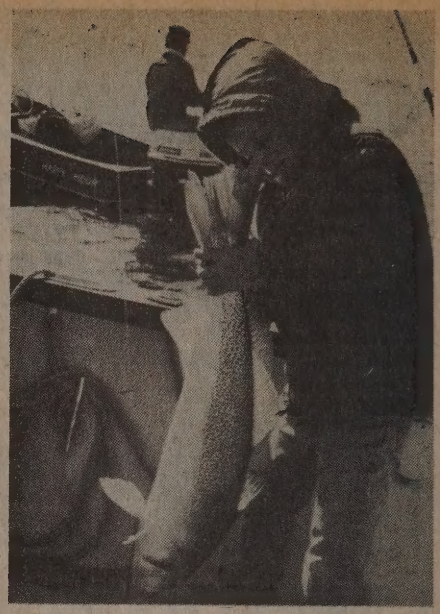

Six-year-old Jed Kenedy caught this 11½ lb. tiderunner weak in Great South Bay on a jelly worm. Subscriber photo.

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mussel is a big help added Gary who told of a catch of 25 flatties between 1 and 2 lbs. made on Saturday by Andy Attanasio and Joe Killian.

Jim DeVita told me from his **Skidmore's Fishing Station** that Gene Caravelli, Mark Friedman, Mike Bocchiaro, John Ferrante and Pete Preziotte accounted for 168 flounder at Haven's Point on Sunday. They fished in two boats and used sand worms and mussel chum. Also on Sunday, James Michener, Frank Lewis and Dan Fraziano put away 60 flounder up to 2.2 lbs. in the same area. Jim noted that Hart's Cove has also been productive and added that plenty of blue claws are still available around buoys 43 and 44.

Dave Figueroa, Bill Hess and Steve Clifton with a nice catch of flounder from Hi-Way Fishing Station in Moriches.

MASTIC BEACH

From **Stiriz's Fishing Station**, Gary said that some boats return with as many as 40 to 50 flounder with bloodworms and mussel or clam chum doing the most damage. Action is spread from buoys 12 to 21 and incoming water has been the most productive. The largest flattie of the week was a 1¾ lber. Plenty of crabs are still available on rings in the traps around buoy 17.

OAKDALE

Dave Canale at **J & R Sport Center** had little to say about the local flatfishing. He suggested going east to Moriches if flounder are your target. He did know that big blues are still available south of the Fire Island Inlet in 100 feet of water for jiggers whenever the winds allow boats to get off. Good trout fishing in Bubbles Falls for freshwater fans. Dave weighed a few to 4 lbs. and added that some nice fish have been coming out of the Park also. He reminded us that anglers should be aware of the 9 inch size limit on brooks, browns and rainbows. It seems that some fishermen have disregarded the size limit through ignorance.

EAST ISLIP

Ireene, of **Peppy's Bait & Tackle**, looked over a catch of 10 blackfish up to 8¼ lbs made my John Dayton on Saturday. John fished the Kismet Reef with green crabs. Some Flounder available in the Sore Thumb Pocket on worms and mussel or clam chum, but no great shakes. Blues still south of the Inlet in 100 feet of water on jigs and umbrella rigs.

BAY SHORE

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee** reported flounder were slow most of the week, but were much improved on Sunday when fares averaged 10 to 12 flatties apiece. Most were in the ¾ to 1¼ range. The boat's last trip of the season will be Sunday, Nov. 1st.

CAPTREE

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the open boat **Capt. Bob Joseph** spoke of a good day on Saturday on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Catches ranged bvetween 15 and 30 blacks a man, most averaging 3 to 4 lbs. Green crabs accounted for most of the fish. Sunday's fishing slowed due to strong east winds and only the more experienced fares managed fish. Ray Arcini had the best catch of the weekend with 36 blacks, while Phil Bloom took the largest fish honors with an 8 lber.

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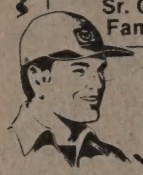

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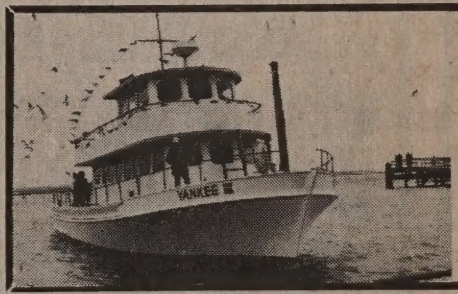

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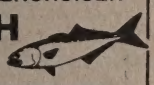

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The **Captree Queen II**, skippered by Gordan Roman, enjoyed a fair pick of flounder on Saturday fishing the state channel between Gilgo and Amityville. Catches ran 6 to 15 flatties a man with the largest going a lb. and a ¼. Sudays action however did not match the action of the prior day.

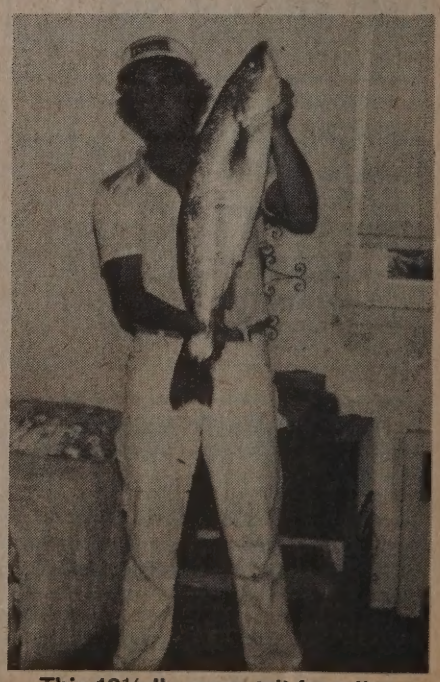
Bluefishing remains hot south of Fire Island Inlet. As a result, the skipper will continue on the bluefish run Friday and Saturday nights, weather permitting. The choppers have been running from 5 to 15 lbs. and the skipper described Saturday night's trip when 40 fares accounted for well over 500 blues.

BABYLON

Some flounder are being taken in the state channel and at the Sore Thumb according to Ski Kochanski of **Augie's Bait & Tackle**. Use worms, clams and mussel or clam chum. Blackfish are easing up, but big blues continue to be taken south of Fire Island Inlet in 100 feet of water by jiggers.

AMITYVILLE

From **Comb's Bait & Tackle**, George described the flounder fishing as spotty and suggested the westr entrance to Zach's Bay, West Island, 4 Corners and Broad Creek as your best bets. Use worms, and mussel or clam chum helps. Some blacks still on the bay reefs and at bridges, but this fishing is petering out. Some blues were trolled in 60 to 80 feet of water this past week, and George knew of some good scores made along the beach near Saltaire on Thursday.



This 12½ lb. weak fell for a live snapper near Ocean Beach. Timmy Collins of Farmingdale was the lucky angler. Subscriber photo.

SEAFORD

At **Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station**, Bill told of some pretty good flounder fishing on the weekend at Merrick Point and 4 Corners. Bigger fish, to 1½ lbs., were found at the first location and showed a preference for clam bait. A group from the Tideway Anglers were among those who did well with the flatties. Blackfishing ion the area seems to have faded according to Bill who asked us to remind duck hunters that he will remain open all winter long and that he has plenty of dock space available for duck boats.

BELLMORE

"Pretty Quiet" was the word from Scott at **Merrick Tackle**. Flounder have slowed as have the blacks, but some fair catches of flatties are still being made on worms and clam or mussel chum.

MERRICK

Jimmy Borilukos said from **Nick's Fishing Station** that flounder fishing has become spotty with the fish well spread out. Chum has not been much help either in his opinion. Jim did weigh a 47 lb. striper for George Zipper who took the cow on a live bunker in Haunt's Creek. Still a few blackfish around and blues in the 3 to 4 lb. class taken Saturday and Sunday in 30 feet of water off Lido on umbrella rigs and spoons. A couple of bass, including a 30 lber., were mixed in with the blues.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

The bluefishing is pure dynamite, said Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al**. The fish are in their prime, they are big and they are fighting like hell. Sixteen-year-old Mike Hoesenkrieg, 13-yr-old brother Chris and 13-yr.-old buddy Kevin O'Neil dragged 4 huge bags of giant blues Sunday, fish up to 17 lbs. Fishing is being done between the Yankee and the 59 lb. wrecks. Diamond jigs are doing the job in cow country and trips range from very good to absolute slaughter. Mike had also taken a $90 pool last week. Al says he has no intention of switching away from bluefish to any other species, since these big alligator blues are so big and so willing to die for the Emperor.

Captain Richie Kessenger of the **Starstream II** had some heavy numbers to relate regarding Wednesday's

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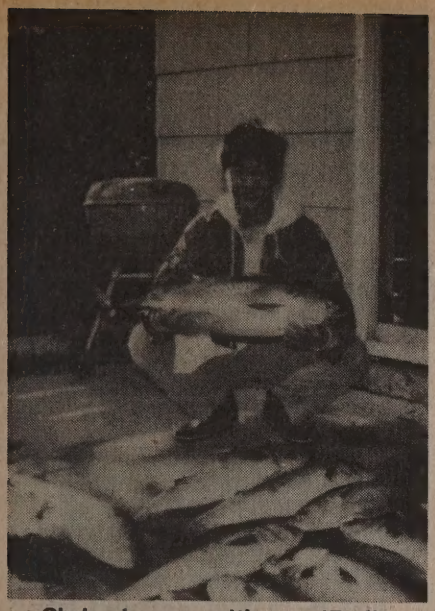

Chris Leong with a 17 lb. albacore and several blues taken on a recent trip aboard the Freeport open boat, "Starstream II."

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cod wreck trip, on which catches ran from 2-9 cod per man, all nice size specimens. Mike Chiusano had a 40, 35 and 22 lb. pollack. Ziggy Boroslisky scored with a 35 lb. pollack. Joe Ferraki of State Island had a 48 and a 35 lb. cod. Marty O'Malley decked a 46 lb. cod, while Jerry Trotman pulled a 45 lb. cod. Sunday's regular trip for blackfish saw blacks taken up to 8 lbs., 20-40 per man just 40 minutes from the dock.

Captain Walt Scott's **Freeport Charter Service Acme II** tells of some of the best chum/bait bluefishing at Cholera that he's seen in 40 years. A trip for Hy Parker and 6 friends from Danbury, Ct., fished light tackle and had blues 10-15 lbs. with 3 and 4 fish on steadily for over 5 hours. A trip for Wayne Erickson and group from Flushing had a good flounder pick in Swift Creek. Walt says the balance of his trips this season are for cod and flounder.

The **Bluefin Fleet** reports bluefishing continues very strong with fish in the 15 lb. range being caught SE of Jones inlet. Catches are averaging 15-25 fish a man on diamond jigs. A trip for Al Goldberg and group from Monroe, N.Y. filled 4 large garbage can with 5-15 lb. choppers. With Captain Tony DiLernia doing the honors on the BF II, blacks and sea bass were caught to the tune of 15-20 a man on local wrecks. Pool winner was Stan Umowski of Manufacturers Hanover Bank.

Captain Andy of the **Miss Freeport** tells us that fishing was a little on the slow side this past week but he's still managing to pick away at flounders in Swift Creek. The boat is now sailing two trips daily, Wed. Fri, Saturday and Sunday.

Bob at **Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle** passes on the word that Barney Nadel on Sunday accounted for 400 lbs. of blues fishing Sw of Cholera on bait, for fish to 21 lbs. Som schoolie bass on Hopkins shorties at West End 2. Some larger bass up to 26 lbs. at the Tin Can on Tiger Tails. Lots of small blues from the beach at West End 2 on bait and on plugs.

Captain Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** tells us he's been having fantastic bluefishing for the last couple of weeks working SE of Jones Inlet in 110' of water, employing diamond jigs for 6-19 lb. choppers. Pat's daughter, Gina, on her first bluefishing trip scored with 15 fish. Partaking in the last few weeks' bonanza were charters for Mike Shaw and group, NYC: Phil LoPresti and group, Danbury, Ct.; Bethlehem Assmbly of God, Valley Stream; City Bank. Pat says he still has some choice cod and flounder dates available.

The **Captain Bill** sailing two half-day trips daily for flounder tells us there was fair fishing Monday thru Thursday with high hooks in the 20s every trip, but things slowed the latter part of the week, probably due to the first shot of cold water into the bay for the fall.

Charter boat **Nan Sea** on Sunday fished Nunzio's Corner Deli, Inwood and had a solid catch of blues up to 15 lbs. on bait up until about 9:30 a.m. at Cholera. They then moved in and trolled close to the beach and had an additional catch of 2-3 lb. blues.

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June Willenbucher decked this 12 lb. doormat fluke on the Tin Can Grounds back in August. Subscriber photo.

Lou's Fishing Station tells of very good bluefishing right now. On Friday, fishing in a 23' Robalo Rough Rider, Jim Allschul, Oceanside and friend Al Morse anchored up at Cholera and chummed 12 blues from 12-15 lbs. Even ugly Saturday was good for some boats. Charter Boat **Shalidon** loaded up with blues, as did the **Capt. Al**. Lou weighed in a 35 lb. striper Saturday taken by Freeport Tuna Club angler Tom Piazza fishing a live bunker inside Jones Inlet. The flounder fishing has been fair this past week in the local creeks.

POINT LOOKOUT

Charter Boat **Marie III** called to say that Sunday's trip had superb blackfishing on an offshore wreck for a steady 3½ hours. Twelve members of the Double T fishing Club had over 350 blacks. The pool was shared by Angelo Dipierro and Steve Kierney, each scoring with a 5 lb. 2 oz. blackfish. Steve was high hook with over 50 blacks. Slim Ashmawi pulled a 5 lb. weakfish. Steve Wojenodzic had over 50 blacks. No one had fewer than 20. Green crabs and clam bait on the hook and there were many, many doubles said the skipper. David Ottman managed a 2¼ lb. flounder fishing at Cinder Creek during the week. The flounder charters this week have been light in the result department.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook says that some flounder have been caught this past week with the best results coming from the Western end of Reynolds Channel on worms and mussel chum. Blackfishing continues good for mixed size fish at the bridges, wrecks and reefs and jetties.

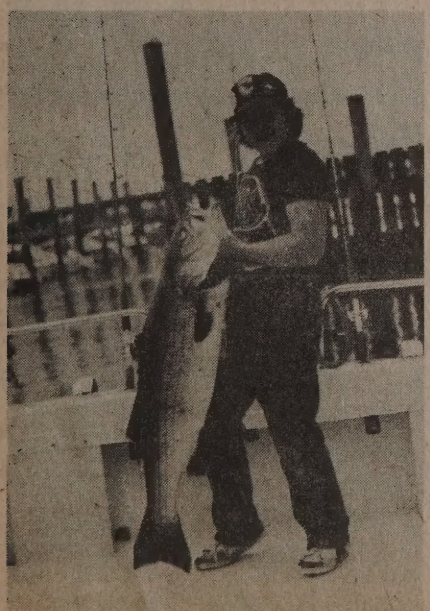
Fiddlers, green crabs and clam are the hook bait. Stripers at the Tin Can with weaks and blues mixed in. Boats are anchoring and casting out and bumping along the bottom Tiger Tails and the new Nordic Eel, which looks like a sand eel. That's what the fish are feeding on. Charlie says that he has a good supply of these Nordic eels.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Al at **Reynolds Reef** says the Tin Can has been producing schoolie bass for those trolling umbrellas, fish 2-5 lbs. Blues off the Pink Hotel on umbrellas and small spoons. Very good blackfishing at the bridges and Silver Point jetty on green crabs. Fair to good flounder still being caught in the Woodmere bay creeks and the area of Magnolia Pier.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina tells of blackfish still being plentiful at the bridges, the gong buoy and off the jetties, fish in the 2-4 lb. range on fiddlers and green crabs. Flounders at Swift Creek, Hog Channel and buoy 9 Reynolds Channel. Chumming is a MUST and the ebb has been the better of the two tides. Weakfish still being caught at the Meadowbrook Bridge under the bunker schools on whole bunker. Tom Butler had a 12 and a 10 lber. Thursday night on slack water. Big 15-20 lb. bluefish in 40' of water on bunker spoons and chunks for the sharpies fishing from buoy 4 to Jones Inlet. Some stripers on S&G Tiger Tails at the Tin Can. Jon Stein and Fred Collington had a tub full of schoolies Friday. The trick is to anchor up and retrieve a cast jig over a productive hump.



Fifteen-year-old Jeff Kleczynski used a live bunker to take this 43¾ lb. cow at Romer Shoals. Subscriber photo.

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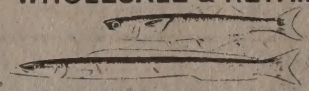

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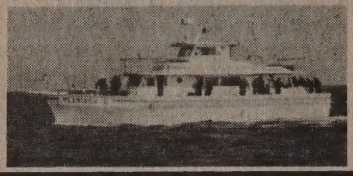

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JAMAICA BAY

John at **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** tells us some flounder are still being caught off the north and south channel bridges on worms, fish in the 1/2 lb. range. Some blackfish of the 1/2 lb. variety off both bridges on fiddlers. Greg Rtkovich bagged a 36 lb. striper on a bunker chunk fishing Atlantic Beach. An anonymous jetty jockey fishing a Rebel took a 21¼ lb. striper fishing off the Atlantic Beach jetty this week.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

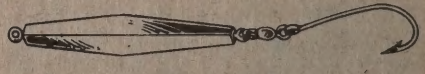
The **Flamingo III** informs us that on Saturday, nine fares blasted away with 23 stripers in the 4 lb. class. The pool was a 7 lb. bass. This is local fishing on diamond jigs and bait tails. Wednesday saw very good catches of cocktail blues and a good mess of weakfish off the Jersey coast.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** tells us Saturday's blackfishing was excellent off Sea Bright with anglers filling anywhere from 1-3 5-gallon pails per man. They also had sea bass from 1-3 lbs. Sunday was tougher due to strong southeast winds, but they still had 5-30 blacks a man under absolutely brutal and violent sea conditions. Butch says there are plenty of fish around, mostly blackfish. During the week, they had very good blackfishing off Sea Bright with blacks going to 11 lbs. and high hooks in the 60s and 70s.

Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** reports lots of bass being trolled at the Tin Can Grounds on umbrellas from schoolies to 10 lbers. Lots of big bluefish for the party boats and plenty of blackfish at any of the rocks, wrecks, and bridges on green crabs. Some flounder at Plum Beach and in the bay and at Silver Hole. Also lots of blue claw crabs off Plum Beach in traps.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sports** says that surf caught flounder are best off Stapleton Piers 10, 12 and 17 for quantities of smaller fish plus an additional fall mixed bag. Try Great Kills Harbor for fewer but larger flatties. Schoolies off Cliff Street and South Beach on bucktails, Danny plugs and Rebels. Try Penny Beach for bass on worms. There are a few 20-30 lb. bass scattered around too. Bluefish from 15-17 lbs. at buoy 9 in Princess Bay and on trolled Baby Bunker spoons. Try the VZ bridge, Hartman and Swinburne Islands for schoolies on worms. Twenty to 30 lb. stripers also being trolled in those areas on bunker spoons and umbrellas between the West Bank lighthouse and the roamer shoals.



North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

NEW ROCHELLE

John Palmieri at **John's Gun and Tackle** said that bluefish in slammer sizes were still close by and that alligators were also in the news. Blaise deRosa on the **Mr. D** trolled up a 21 lb. blue and Bill Sheperd managed to boat a 22 lber. at Glen Island. The latter monster took a bunker chunk. White and red umbrella tubes are accounting for good catches of 3-10 lb. bass off Execution Light.

CITY ISLAND

City Island Bait & Tackle told us that there were some nice fish around, especially for the party boats. Captain Dom on the **Apache** will be talking for a long time about the tremendous 11 lb. blackfish his son took aboard the Apache on 8 lb. test line. Don Cerbone and Al Serrano registered tautog above 10. Local blackfish can be found off Pea Island and Prospect in water depths to 30'. Howard Fernandez topped all local comers last week with a 13 lb. tautog taken locally. The Apache, so Dom tells us, has been averaging 12-15 blackfish per man off the Norwalk Islands. Most of the really hot action was during slack water periods in deep water. Slack water periods were short over the weekend due to new moon tides.

GLEN COVE

Nick Schiraldi on Wednesday accounted for 30 bass from 3-5 lbs. and 33 on Saturday previous. Nick used red umbrellas fishing right on the bottom. The fish have been rooting, as their bellies were full of calico crabs, bergalls and crayfish. Hotspot was Prospect Point with outgoing water best, in 10-15 ' of water.

Dave Watt at **City Island Bait & Tackle** said that it was now flounder time from the top of the tide down at Southwest Pond and Desoris Pond. Although bergalls do interfere, worms are best bait. There still seems to be a few blues left in Hempstead Harbor. A 19 and a 14 lber. made local eyes turn last week. Rocky Point seems to have a few bass and blues to 10 lbs.

Jennie laddin jigged this 30 lb. striper at the Obstruction buoy off of Eaton's Neck. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Bait and Tackle.

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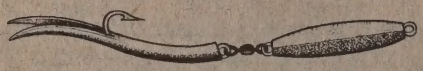

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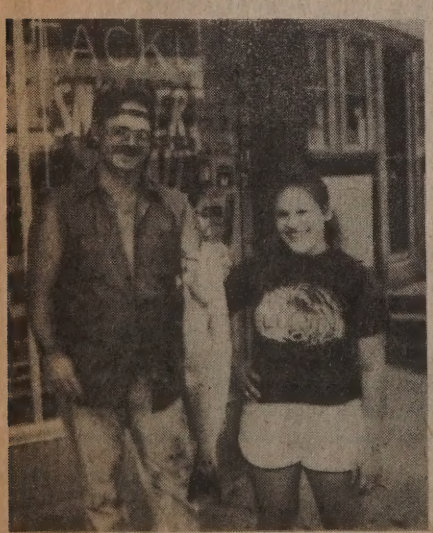
HUNTINGTON

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** remarked that the "bass fishing was unbelievable" on the whole Neck from 13 to the Obstruction Buoy. Although jigs work early and before dark, a 2 oz. Tiger striped jig accounted for an 18½ lb. fish Thursday, umbrellas are the usual ticket for success. Fish run 3-8 lbs. generally. Valentine expects the bass to get smaller and to become more susceptible to jigs toward the end of next month. Blackfish can be taken on either end of the tide off buoys 11B and 24C during a two hour time slot. Blues and bass in mixed sizes were located off Crab Meadow.

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** told us that there were some small and big blues above the bass schools and that there were still bass to be taken on eels. Local waters were still warm—around 60° F—and th action may continue for some time at Eaton's. Currently flounder action is spotty on small fish.

One late bit of information was that worm trollers are also getting in on bass action in Cold Spring Harbor and off Marshall Field. With the snappers now gone, there are no chopoffs to worry about.



Shelly Ortiz used a Tri-Fin Tiger jig to boat this 8 lb. weakfish at Eaton's Neck. It was checked at Bowman's Sporting Goods in Northport.

PORT JEFFERSON

John Fisher on the **Aqua Gem** said that blackfish were holding well with the Connecticut side of the Sound worth the trip on days when the weather was favorable. Pool fish ran around 7 lbs. daily and the biggest tautog of the year was around 10. Because the fish are still in 25' of water and because sea bass are still present, Fisher expects an extended run. Wednesday's trip to the Stratford Shoal produced the best fishing of last week. Emil Oversteain and his son took a total of 44 blackfish between them.

MOUNT SINAI

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** said that there are not that many local anglers working on blackfish with the bass and blues around. Fish from the Connecticut shore were often jigged, and three blues last week went up to 18 lbs even, while bass were mostly under 15 lbs. Eels were selling like crazy and there were a few large bass mixed into the reports. Biggest was around 35 lbs.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** told us that white tubes on umbrella rigs were taking large numbers of small bass to 8 lbs. off Hortons. Some teen-sized blues were separated from the bass. There are some blackfish on the Pipeline, but not like this spring. Flounder are best fished in the Bay around Indian Island.

MATTITUCK

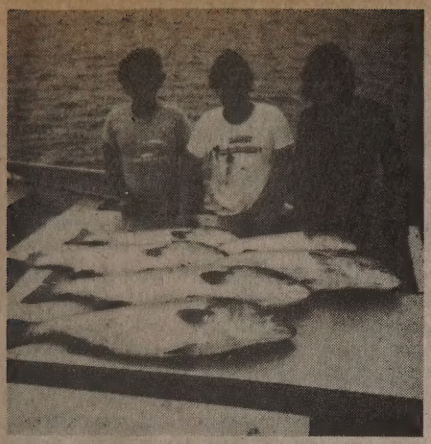
One last report from Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** mentioned huge porgies above 2 lbs. well off the inlet; numbers were not great, but sizes were. Blackfish can be found in 30' of water well to the east of the Inlet. Biggest tautog will run over 8 lbs. and there are quite a few in the 4-5 lb. class.

SOUTHOLD

Sue Kovich at **Southold Fishing Station** said that blackfish were in first place among customers with bass still being brought into the station. Scalloping had become poor enough so that many folks were going back to clamming.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** finally got some boats on the Sound off the Orient Station on Sunday and found the Lighthouse to be picky with better action at Mulford. The biggest fish of the season haven't topped 9½ lbs. yet, but a lot of 5-7 lbers. are in the catches. New moon tides over the weekend made only the slack water period fishable. Flounder can be found at the traps off the East End and at the far west end of Petty's Bight.

In the Bay there is a pick of blackfish to 2-3 lbs. in the Brickyard with flounder in Pipe's Cove, Beixe-



Larry and Warren Suskevich and Tom McRedmond used live eels to score with these 6 bass to 46 lbs. in Plum Gut.

don, and way back in Deering Harbor. Drifting is the most productive method in Pipe's cove while anchoring with mussel chum is better in the Beixedon area. Clam, worm, and mussels are all being used now.

GREENPORT

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** said that the only day that had been off the hot fishing pace had been Saturday when the winds were from the north. Thursday and Friday were good, but new moon tides were a problem by Sunday. On Friday, Erick Leeds of Paramus pulled an enormous blackfish of 12¾ aboard the **Brand X**. The **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X** are now into full swing on blacks, and the **Peconic Gypsy** has been fishing the tautog off Mulford as well as off Plum Island. Flounder are in the creeks. Sterling Harbor and Gull Pond were mentioned as flounder hotspot. Blues and bass were reported off Truman's and Gardiner's Island.

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SAG HARBOR

The **Wilhelric II** reports that Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were the best days of the week for blackfish, with high hook in the 20s. Pool fish ran 8-10 lbs. High hook Friday was Jack Gleason of Amityville with 15 blacks including the 9 lb. 6 oz. pool winner. On Wednesday's trip, Big Charlie of Sag Harbor was high

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(Continued from page 18.)

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In conclusion, all fishermen should spend a little time thinking about the unexpected emergency which could occur. Everyone messing around on or in the water should make plans for these potential accidents or emergencies. Everyone should plan to save themselves. It is a false assumption that someone else will be around to rescue you when the unforeseen occurs. Everyone should plan for survival. If everyone thought this way, the casualty figures would be lowered greatly. Boating and fishing are fun and great recreation. Do everything in your power to make the activity as safe as possible. Make complete plans for emergencies that could occur.

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hook with 20 blacks including a 10 lb. 2 oz. pool fish. Captain Artie says there will be ideal blackfishing tides this week and weekend.

SHINNECOCK

The Capt. Clark II called to report Saturday's ocean wreck trip was the best of the season, with all fares loading up with big blacks and sea bass. Some passengers had 3-4 buckets full. Andy Peda of Hampton Bays totaled 52 blackfish and 7 sea bass including an 8 lb. black that took the pool. Sunday's ocean trip did excellent on a wreck east of the inlet with blacks and sea bass caught throughout the day. Ed Hoffman of NYC decked 43 blacks and 18 sea bass. Izzy Soto, Mastic Beach copped the pool with an 8½ lb. black. Ocean wreck trips are scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, October 31 and November 1. Clark says he will be sailing Election day and Veterans Day.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

The big news in surf fishing circles this past week revolved around a young, Lindenhurst angler who turned the beach scene upside down by sliding a 69½ lb. cow onto the sand near Nauset Beach, Cape Cod.

seventeen-year-old Stephen Petri, Jr., fishing in the company of his dad, Steve Sr., landed what is apparently the largest striper ever taken from the surf. Steve's fish also threatens to replace the existing 20 lb. line class world record. That striper weighed 67 lbs. and was taken back in 1963 at Block Island. Pending IGFA approval, the 69½ lber should be a new 20 lb. class world record.

Taken on a live eel in the pre-dawn hours of Saturday morning, the huge cow measured 52'' long and had a girth of 32''. The trophy is being mounted and replaced a 57 lber. the teenager had taken the night before that had been left for mounting. Under the tutelage of his beach wise dad, steve also managed a 45 lber. as well as a pair of 30s during the trip.

Father and son are both members of the hard fishing Nor'West Fishing Club.

Here on Long Island, the Breezy Point jetty produced lots of school bass up to 6 lbs. for casters using RedFins or Rebel dropper combinations. Most of the best action was confined to during the week, before the winds came northwest.

This was also true at West End Jones Beach where blues from 4 to well up in the teens and school bass from shorts to eight pounds provided pretty steady action for much of the week. Tins, popping plugs and bunker chunks all took fish. Best of the bass action was off of the jetty on RedFin/dropper combos. One jetty jockey left the beach Friday AM with what looked to be about a dozen schoolies. A 26 lb. bass came off the rocks the previous morning.

Bunker and mackerel chunks accounted for blues in the 10-12 lb. range along the beach at Gilgo on both Friday and Sunday according to several reliable sources. Rumor had it that a couple of bass were taken from the area during the week.

Parking Field 4 Robert Moses produced some medium blues and ''two or three bass'' on tin Friday afternoon while one caster drilled 4 big blues out of the activity via bunker chunks.

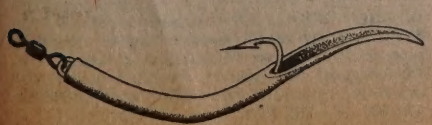
The only report I could get from Smith's Point (Moriches) concerned a 21.4 oz. striper taken by Tom Hauser during the week. Ski Kochanski of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** expanded on the catch by explaining that the fish

This 31 lb. striper took a live eel in the Robert Moses surf. It was landed by Charles Benefatti and weighed at Skippy's Bait and Tackle.

was landed after Tom's bunker rig became entangled in an umbrella rig that was dangling from the fish's jaw. Ski also weighed blues of 10.13 and 15.1 lbs. for the angler on Friday. They were taken on bunker at Gilgo.

Out at Montauk, at least a few fish were taken by weekend hopefuls between North Bar and the Light. Among those weighed in were Steve Bunais' 25 lber., Pete Angipordi's 36 lber. and willie Ozel's 28. All were taken Saturday night. Bob Lick of the N.J.B.B.A. had fish of 15, 20, and 32 lbs. over Friday and Saturday. During the week, Joey Bragan worked weakfish rock to the tune of 9 fish Tuesday, 12 on Wednesday and 3 on Thursday. The bass ranged from schoolies up to 39 lbs. and were taken on RedFins. Johnny Kronuch, who handles most of the weigh-ins for Montauk casters from his **Johnny's Tackle Shop,** noted that plenty of fish are moving past the Point if catches made by boatmen and haul seiners are any indication.

On the North Shore, reports of big blues on bunker chunks at Crab Meadow-Lilco, Caumsett, Miller Place, Shoreham and Rocky Point emanated from **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in Huntington and **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Also a few school bass along these beaches after dark on Rebels and Redfins. Most of the bluefish activity is confined to dawn and dusk. During the week, Frank Celentano who does not consider having only one arm a handicap, used a Redfin to take a 35 lb. bass from the beach near Rocky Point. He weighed the fish at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.



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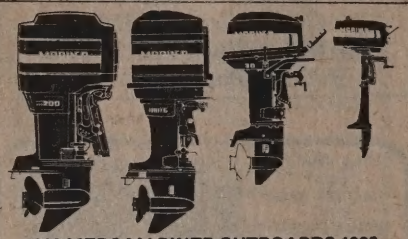

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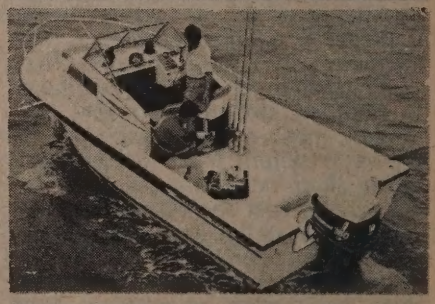

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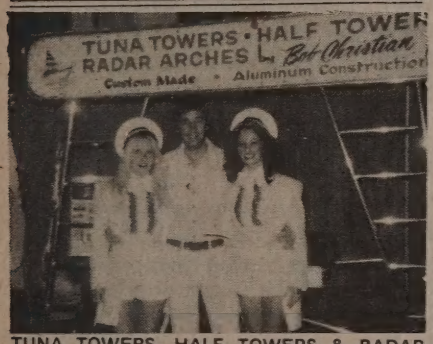

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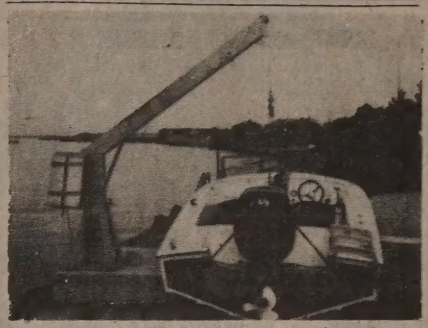

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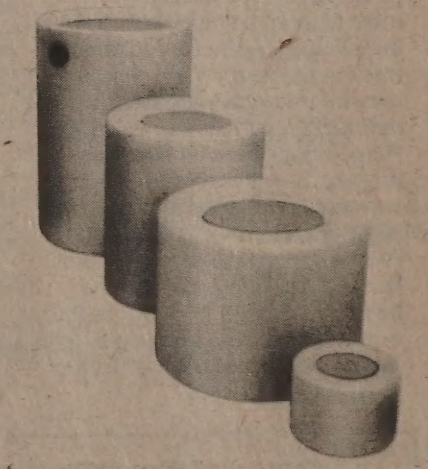

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To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	8:25	8:35	8:40	9:00	9:05	9:25	9:55	10:20	12:15	12:05	11:50	—	8:20	8:40	10/29
FRI.	9:00	9:15	9:15	9:35	9:40	10:05	10:30	11:00	12:35	12:20	12:15	12:30	9:00	9:20	10/30
SAT.	9:35	9:50	9:50	10:10	10:15	10:45	11:10	11:45	12:55	12:50	12:55	1:05	9:40	10:00	10/31
SUN.	10:15	10:35	10:25	10:50	10:50	11:25	11:50	—	1:20	1:25	1:35	1:45	10:20	10:45	11/1
MON.	10:55	11:20	11:05	11:30	11:25	—	12:35	12:35	2:00	2:05	2:15	2:30	11:10	11:35	11/2
TUE.	11:45	—	11:50	—	12:15	12:15	1:25	1:25	2:45	2:55	3:05	3:15	—	12:00	11/3
WED.	12:10	12:35	12:20	12:40	1:05	1:05	2:25	2:25	3:35	3:50	3:55	4:10	12:35	12:55	11/4
THUR.	1:10	1:35	1:15	1:35	2:00	2:00	3:25	3:25	4:30	4:45	4:50	5:10	1:35	1:55	11/5

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Manfoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

10/30	6:29	4:57
10/31	6:30	4:56
11/1	6:32	4:54
11/2	6:34	4:53
11/3	6:35	4:52
11/4	6:37	4:51
11/5	6:38	4:50

Moonrise/Moonset

10/30	8:40AM	6:37PM
10/31	9:36AM	7:16PM
11/1	10:30AM	8:00PM
11/2	11:21AM	8:49PM
11/3	12:07PM	9:44PM
11/4	12:49PM	10:43PM
11/5	1:26PM	11:47PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/26	11/5	11/11	11/18

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	5:30	11:40	5:50	—
Fri.	6:15	12:05	6:40	12:25
Sat.	7:05	12:55	7:30	1:15
Sun.	7:55	1:45	8:25	2:10
Mon.	8:45	2:35	9:15	3:00
Tues.	9:40	3:30	10:10	3:55
Wed.	10:30	4:20	11:00	4:45
Thurs.	11:25	5:15	11:55	5:40

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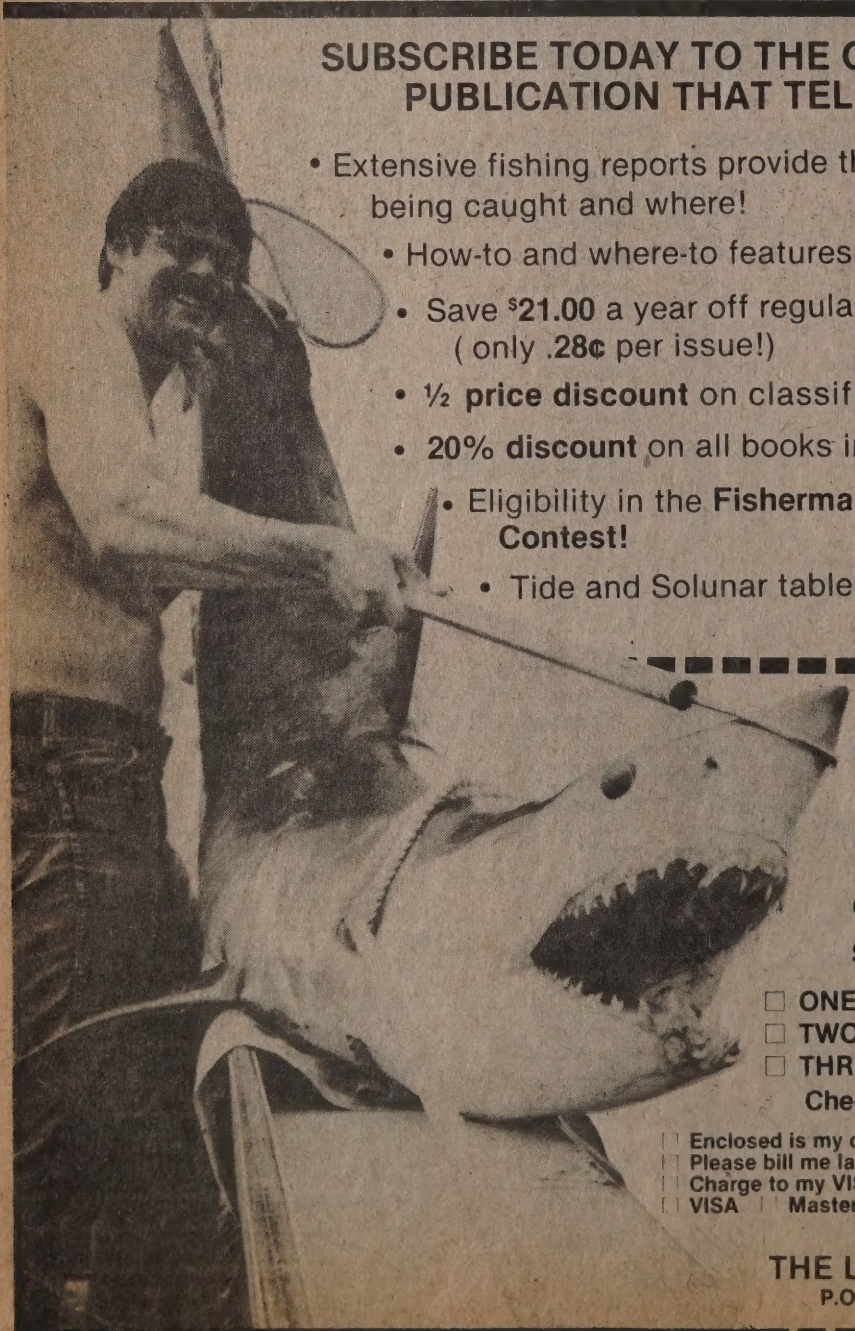

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